

House Bill 261 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 32nd, Douglas of the 78th, and Waites of the 60th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding the regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so
3 as to provide for the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain times on Sunday in
4 commercial service airports owned or operated, or both, by a county or municipal governing
5 authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding the regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, is amended by
10 adding a new subsection to Code Section 3-3-7, relating to local authorization and regulation
11 of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, to read as follows:

12 "(s)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

13 (A) 'Eating establishment' means an establishment which is licensed to sell distilled
14 spirits, malt beverages, or wines, or a combination thereof, and which derives at least
15 50 percent of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared
16 meals or food.

17 (B) 'Sterile area' shall have the same meaning as provided for under 49 C.F.R. Section
18 1540.5.

19 (2) A county or municipal governing authority that owns or operates, or both, a
20 commercial service airport may authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption
21 on the premises in eating establishments located within a sterile area of such commercial
22 service airport on Sundays between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 12:00 Midnight."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.