

House Bill 606

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Dollar of the 45th, Stover of the 71st, Caldwell of the 20th, Yates of the 73rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages,
2 so as to provide that retail dealers may purchase up to 15 percent of their inventory of beer
3 and wine directly from wineries and breweries without utilizing a wholesale dealer; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
8 amended by revising Code Section 3-5-27, relating to malt beverages acquired by retail
9 dealers from persons other than licensed wholesale dealers declared contraband, as follows:
10 "3-5-27.

11 (a) Any malt beverage possessed, sold, or offered for sale by a retail dealer which was
12 purchased or otherwise acquired from any person other than a wholesale dealer authorized
13 to do business under this chapter is declared to be contraband and shall be seized by the
14 commissioner or the appropriate local authorities and disposed of by the commissioner in
15 the manner provided in this title.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any retail dealer
17 shall be authorized to purchase up to 15 percent of its inventory in malt beverages directly
18 from a brewer without utilizing a licensed wholesale dealer."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-6-25, relating to wine acquired by
21 retail dealers from persons other than licensed wholesale dealers declared contraband, as
22 follows:

23 "3-6-25.

24 (a) Except as provided in Code Sections 3-6-21.1 through 3-6-21.3 and Code Section
25 3-6-21.5, wine possessed, sold, or offered for sale by a retail dealer which was purchased

26 or otherwise acquired from any person other than a wholesale dealer authorized to do
27 business under this chapter is declared to be contraband and shall be seized and disposed
28 of by the commissioner in the manner provided in this title.

29 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any retail dealer
30 shall be authorized to purchase up to 15 percent of its inventory in wine directly from a
31 winery without utilizing a licensed wholesale dealer."

32 **SECTION 3.**

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