

House Bill 843

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Evans of the 57th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic
3 beverages for consumption on the premises in locally designated special entertainment
4 districts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 “(s)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'special entertainment district' means
13 contiguous properties upon which is located a festival marketplace and entertainment
14 project which receives or has received financing in whole or in part by public funds and
15 which contains a minimum of 200,000 square feet of gross leasable space for retail sales
16 and entertainment purposes and which is located in the central business district of a

17 municipality if more than 50 percent of such contiguous properties are owned or
18 controlled by a governmental entity.

19 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a municipality may, by resolution or
20 ordinance, authorize in any locally designated special entertainment district the sale of
21 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises:

22 (A) On Saturdays from 11:55 P.M. and the three hours immediately following such
23 time; and

24 (B) On Sundays from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
27 without such approval.

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.