

Senate Bill 214

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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 change the number of retail dealer licenses that a person may hold or have a
3 beneficial interest in; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
8 amended by revising Code Section 3-4-21, relating to prohibition of holding or having
9 beneficial interest in more than two retail dealer licenses, as follows:

10 "3-4-21.

11 (a) No person shall be issued more than ~~two~~ six retail dealer licenses, nor shall any person
12 be permitted to have a beneficial interest in more than ~~two~~ six retail dealer licenses issued
13 under this chapter, regardless of the degree of such interest.

14 (b) For purposes of this Code section:

15 (1) The term 'person' shall include all members of a retail dealer licensee's family; and
16 the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the license within the
17 first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law.

18 (2) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any
19 business forming a part of the trust estate.

20 (c) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit the reissuance of a valid retail
21 dealer license if the license has been:

22 (1) Held prior to the creation of any of the above relationships by marriage; or

23 (2) Held prior to April 3, 1978."

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SECTION 2.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.