

By: Representative Reeves

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 117

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR THE HOLDER OF A PERMIT TO
3 SELL BEER OR LIGHT WINE AT RETAIL TO ALLOW PERSONS UNDER THE AGE
4 OF 21 NOT IN THE COMPANY OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE WHO IS AT
5 LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES OF AN ESTABLISHMENT
6 WHERE LIGHT WINE, BEER OR DISTILLED SPIRITS ARE ALLOWED TO BE
7 CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES UNLESS SUCH ESTABLISHMENT IS REGULARLY
8 USED FOR THE SERVING OF MEALS TO GUESTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 67-3-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 67-3-53. In addition to any act declared to be unlawful by
13 this chapter, or by Sections 27-71-301 through 27-71-347, and
14 Sections 67-3-17, 67-3-27, 67-3-29 and 67-3-57, it shall be
15 unlawful for the holder of a permit authorizing the sale of beer
16 or light wine at retail or for the employee of the holder of such
17 a permit:

18 (a) To sell or give to be consumed in or upon any
19 licensed premises any beer or light wine between the hours of
20 midnight and seven o'clock the following morning or during any
21 time the licensed premises may be required to be closed by
22 municipal ordinance or order of the board of supervisors;
23 provided, however, in areas where the sale of alcoholic beverages
24 is legal under the provisions of the Local Option Alcoholic
25 Beverage Control Law and the hours for selling such alcoholic
26 beverages have been extended beyond midnight for on-premises
27 permittees under Section 67-1-37, the hours for selling beer or
28 light wines are likewise extended in areas where the sale of beer
29 and light wines is legal in accordance with the provisions of this
30 chapter.



31 (b) To sell, give or furnish any beer or light wine to
32 any person visibly or noticeably intoxicated, or to any insane
33 person, or to any habitual drunkard, or to any person under the
34 age of twenty-one (21) years.

35 (c) To permit in the premises any lewd, immoral or
36 improper entertainment, conduct or practices.

37 (d) To permit loud, boisterous or disorderly conduct of
38 any kind upon the premises or to permit the use of loud musical
39 instruments if either or any of the same may disturb the peace and
40 quietude of the community wherein such business is located.

41 (e) To permit persons of ill repute, known criminals,
42 prostitutes or minors to frequent the licensed premises, except
43 minors accompanied by parents or guardians, or under proper
44 supervision.

45 (f) To permit or suffer illegal gambling or the
46 operation of illegal games of chance upon the licensed premises.

47 (g) To receive, possess or sell on the licensed
48 premises any beverage of any kind or character containing more
49 than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight unless the licensee
50 also possesses an on-premises permit under the Local Option
51 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

52 (h) To allow any person under the age of twenty-one
53 (21) years not in the company of a parent, guardian or spouse who
54 is at least twenty-one (21) years of age upon the licensed
55 premises of an establishment where beer, light wine or distilled
56 spirits are allowed to be consumed on the premises unless such
57 establishment is regularly used and kept open for the serving of
58 meals to guests for compensation and which has suitable seating
59 facilities for guests.

60 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after July 1, 2002.

