

By: Representatives Lamar, Crawford

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 667
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 MAKE DISCRETIONARY THE PROVISION REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 REVENUE TO IMMEDIATELY REVOKE THE PERMIT OF ANY PERMITTEE WHO
4 VIOLATES THE SECTION'S PROHIBITIONS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES TO
5 CERTAIN PERSONS OR AT CERTAIN TIMES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 67-1-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 67-1-83. (1) It shall be unlawful for any permittee
10 or * * * any employee or agent thereof to sell or furnish any
11 alcoholic beverage to any person who is visibly intoxicated, or to
12 any person who is known to habitually drink alcoholic beverages to
13 excess, or to any person who is known to be an habitual user of
14 narcotics or other habit-forming drugs. It shall also be unlawful
15 for the holder of any package retailer's permit to sell any
16 alcoholic beverages except by delivery in person to the purchaser
17 at the place of business of the permittee.

18 (2) It shall be unlawful for any permittee or * * * any
19 employee or agent thereof to sell or furnish any alcoholic



20 beverage to any person to whom the * * * department has, after
21 investigation, decided to prohibit the sale of those beverages
22 because of an appeal to the * * * department so to do by the
23 husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, child, or employer
24 of the person. The interdiction in those cases shall last until
25 removed by the * * * department, but no person shall be held to
26 have violated this subsection unless he has been informed by
27 the * * * department, by registered letter, that it is forbidden
28 to sell to that individual or unless that fact is otherwise known
29 to the permittee or * * * its employee or agent.

30 (3) It shall be unlawful for any holder of a package
31 retailer's permit, or any employee or agent thereof, engaged
32 solely in the business of package retail sales under this chapter
33 to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage before 10:00 a.m. and
34 after 10:00 p.m. or to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday and
35 Christmas Day.

36 (4) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this
37 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,
38 shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars
39 (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not
40 more than six (6) months, or by both that fine and imprisonment,
41 in the discretion of the court. In addition to any other
42 penalties prescribed by law, the commission * * * may immediately
43 revoke the permit of any permittee who violates the provisions of
44 this section.



45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2021.

