

By: Representatives Powell, Yates

To: State Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 ALLOW ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, TRIBE OR OTHER POLITICAL
 3 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT IS WET UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION
 4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW TO AUTHORIZE PERMITTED PACKAGE
 5 RETAILERS TO ENGAGE IN PACKAGE RETAIL SALES DURING CERTAIN HOURS
 6 ON SUNDAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

32 (3) It shall be unlawful for any holder of a package
33 retailer's permit, or any employee or agent thereof, engaged
34 solely in the business of package retail sales under this article
35 to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage before 10:00 a.m. and
36 after 10:00 p.m. or to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday, except
37 as provided under subsection (5) of this section, and Christmas
38 Day.

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



46 the permit of any permittee who violates the provisions of this
47 section.

48 (5) Any county, municipality, tribe or other political
49 subdivision of the state that is wet under this article may, by
50 resolution, ordinance or other order adopted by the county board
51 of supervisors, municipal governing authority or other governing
52 authority or body, as the case may be, authorize permitted package
53 retailers to engage in the business of package retail sales on
54 Sunday during the hours beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00
55 p.m. No permitted package retailer impacted under this subsection
56 shall be required to engage in sales on Sunday and shall maintain
57 the right to limit operations to Monday through Saturday.

58 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
59 and after July 1, 2024.

