

By: Senator(s) England

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2221

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, BY LOCAL ORDINANCE,  
 5 PERMITTED PACKAGE RETAILERS TO ENGAGE IN PACKAGE RETAIL SALES ON  
 6 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 chapter  
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 department 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 chapter may, by  
50 local ordinance, authorize permitted package retailers to engage  
51 in the business of package retail sales on Sunday. No permitted  
52 package retailer impacted under this subsection shall be required  
53 to engage in sales on Sunday and shall maintain the right to limit  
54 operations to Monday through Saturday.

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

