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Summary: Alcohol Sales at Airports

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/14/2023 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20230314.docx))

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3/14/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-28 Nays-12 ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20230314.docx))

3/22/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 11](h:\sj\20230322.docx))

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5/9/2023 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 23](h:\hj\20230509.docx))

5/10/2023 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). McCravy, Magnuson, Haddon, Harris, Moss, Cromer, Oremus, Nutt, Hiott, Elliott, Chumley, Long, Burns, Leber, White, Gilliam ([House Journal‑page 25](h:\hj\20230510.docx))

5/10/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 133](h:\hj\20230510.docx))

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5/17/2023 Ratified R 71

5/19/2023 Signed By Governor

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(A61, R71, S459)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 55‑9‑235, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK THROUGHOUT THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION-SCREENED PORTION OF QUALIFYING SOUTH CAROLINA AIRPORTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Alcohol sales at airports

SECTION 1. Chapter 9, Title 55 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 55‑9‑235. (A) During the hours of airport operation, any business establishment or concessionaire operating in the Transportation Security Administration-screened portion of Charleston International Airport, Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Florence Regional Airport, Greenville‑Spartanburg Airport, Hilton Head Island Airport, or Myrtle Beach International Airport may, upon the written approval of the respective airport authority, sell alcoholic liquor by the drink to a person twenty‑one years of age or older for consumption throughout the Transportation Security Administration-screened portion of the establishment’s or concessionaire’s respective airport terminal, provided that the establishment or concessionaire is licensed in South Carolina to sell alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premise consumption.

(B) A person twenty‑one years of age or older may purchase and consume alcoholic liquor by the drink throughout the interior of the Transportation Security Administration-screened portion of the respective airport terminal, provided that the purchase is from an approved business establishment or concessionaire licensed in South Carolina to sell alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premise consumption.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 17th day of May, 2023.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2023.

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