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Georgia

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Georgia Georgia Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco Division 1800 Century Center Blvd, N.E., Room 4235 Atlanta, Georgia 30345-3205 Phone: 404-417-4900 Fax: 404-417-4901 E-mail: ATdiv@gw.rev.state.ga.us Website: http://www.2.state.ga.us/departments/dor/alcohol/index/shtml
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	18
AGE TO POUR	18
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	18
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Policies regarding admittance into alcohol-serving establishments are governed by local ordinance. It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	It is illegal for an individual under 21 years of age to consume or possess alcoholic beverages, except, as follows: (1) for medical purposes pursuant to a prescription of a physician duly authorized to practice medicine in this state; (2) at a religious ceremony; or (3) when the parent or guardian of the person under 21 years of age gives the alcoholic beverage to the person and when possession is in the home of the parent or legal guardian and such parent or legal guardian is present.
HOURS OF SERVICE	Regulated locally
ACCEPTED ID'S	Valid drivers license, state ID cards and passports
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	Licensees may confiscate false IDs if they report the confiscation to the local law enforcement. Consult Georgia statutes for specifics.
ID CONFISCATION	Georgia treats non-alcohol beer and wine the same as any other beverage with alcohol.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Regulated locally
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	First offense: Misdemeanor punishable by up to \$100 fine, up to 12 months imprisonment, or both; or by up to 12 months imprisonment in a state probation or diversion center. Subsequent offenses: Misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature punishable by up to \$5000 fine and/or 12 months imprisonment.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Yes. Signs must be placed in a conspicuous place and read: 'Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects.' Signs are available from the state for a fee. Violators are fined.

ADDENDUM: GEORGIA'S DRAM SHOP LAW

51-1-40.

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that the consumption of alcoholic beverages, rather than the sale or furnishing or serving of such beverages, is the proximate cause of any injury, including death and property damage, inflicted by an intoxicated person upon himself or upon another person, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) A person who sells, furnishes, or serves alcoholic beverages to a person of lawful drinking age shall not thereby become liable for injury, death, or damage caused by or resulting from the intoxication of such person, including injury or death to other persons; provided, however, a person who willfully, knowingly, and unlawfully sells, furnishes, or serves alcoholic beverages to a person who is not of lawful drinking age, knowing that such person will soon be driving a motor vehicle, or who knowingly sells, furnishes, or serves alcoholic beverages to a person who is in a state of noticeable intoxication, knowing that such person will soon be driving a motor vehicle, may become liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the intoxication of such minor or person when the sale, furnishing, or serving is the proximate cause of such injury or damage. Nothing contained in this Code section shall authorize the consumer of any alcoholic beverage to recover from the provider of such alcoholic beverage for injuries or damages suffered by the consumer.

(c) In determining whether the sale, furnishing, or serving of alcoholic beverages to a person not of legal drinking age is done willfully, knowingly, and unlawfully as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, evidence that the person selling, furnishing, or serving alcoholic beverages had been furnished with and acted in reliance on identification as defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 3-3-23 showing that the person to whom the alcoholic beverages were sold, furnished, or served was 21 years of age or older shall constitute rebuttable proof that the alcoholic beverages were not sold, furnished, or served willfully, knowingly, and unlawfully.

(d) No person who owns, leases, or otherwise lawfully occupies a premises, except a premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages, shall be liable to any person who consumes alcoholic beverages on the premises in the absence of and without the consent of the owner, lessee, or lawful occupant or to any other person, or to the estate or survivors of either, for any injury or death suffered on or off the premises, including damage to property, caused by the intoxication of the person who consumed the alcoholic beverages.