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NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 75 HEARING CASES AND APPROVES STORES FOR CONCORD AND MECKLENBURG ABC

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 75 hearing violations, approved store locations requested by the Concord and Mecklenburg ABC Boards and reinstated the permits for a business whose permits had been summarily suspended in January.

The Commissioners approved both stores unanimously. No one was present to speak in opposition to either location. The proposed Mecklenburg store location had generated letters of both objection and endorsement, and in granting approval the Commission also reserved the right to review and approve future signage for the Mecklenburg store.

As its first action on the hearing portion of the agenda, the Commission heard from the attorney representing Eight Balls Pizza, whose permits had been suspended in January after violence at the Jacksonville location. The Commission issued its stay after receiving a letter of support for the action from the Jacksonville Police Chief who had outlined a series of conditions for the business's operation.

During the hearings, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$90,000 on representatives of retail bars, restaurants, groceries and clubs found to be in violation of ABC laws and rules. In addition to the fines, many of the violations resulted in suspensions of permits for five days or more. The fines are to be paid by June 1, 2012, with suspensions beginning June 8, 2012. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state and applies its regulatory authority to benefit public health, public safety and fair commercial regulation of alcohol products. For more information see <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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