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NC ABC COMMISSION ACTS ON 115 HEARING CASES DURING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission reviewed and took action on 115 cases.

In its rulings on the permit violations, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$138,000 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 3, 2011 with suspensions beginning June 10, 2011. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

The Commission also granted the exemption request of Victus World Imports. The owners of Victus operate a pizza restaurant in Asheville and also seek to import wine from Argentina. The importer's wine would not be available for sale at its retail outlet. A representative of the NC Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association said the group did not object, and no objections were presented by others to the proposed exemption.

In other action, the Commission adopted the permanent the rules published in Volume 25, Issue 18 of the NC Register (04 NCAC 02R .2001, .2002 and .2003).

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 of North Carolina. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state. For more information see <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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