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N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
Addresses Ethical Issues,
Approves Concord ABC Store and Hears 48 Permit Violation Cases

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission voted to provide a template resolution for local ABC board action regarding the Governor's Executive Order regarding gifts; the Commission withdrew guidance that had been provided to local boards in 1996 and 2003 and adopted a new resolution advising the alcohol industry that no gifts and meals will be allowed for local boards and their employees, and with regard to board-paid expenses, the chairman also expressed concern about a culture of entitlement that two recent official reports highlight.

"Every dollar that comes into the ABC system in this state is a public dollar that belongs to the public. To think otherwise suggests a culture of entitlement at work that worries me," Williams said. "Every local ABC board is a unit of local government, and as such it is subject to the limits set out in the North Carolina Administrative Code."

During the meeting, the Commission also approved the relocation of an ABC store in Concord, reviewed and took action on 48 permit violation cases and granted an exemption to Morrisville Hotel Associates LP and the Hotel Sienna in Morrisville to permit the sale of alcohol on the premises even though one of the facility's partners is a German-based brewery; the brewery's product will not be sold at the hotel. The board approved the request by the Concord ABC Board to locate a store at 2228 Roxie St. NE, Kannapolis.

During the Jan. 13 session, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$57,000 on representatives of retail bars, restaurants and clubs found to be in violation of their permits. 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 Feb. 5, 2010 with suspensions beginning Feb. 12, 2010. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

Jonathan S. "Jon" Williams, serves as chairman of the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Commission. A.D. "Zander" Guy and J.D. Lyon Jr., are commissioners. The three are charged with regulating alcohol sales throughout the state of North Carolina.

ABOUT THE 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. In fiscal year 2009, the Commission returned more than \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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