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N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Approves Graham ABC Store and Hears 51 Permit Violation Cases

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission approved the opening of a new ABC store in the Alamance County town of Graham and reviewed and took action on 51 permit violation cases.

The board approved the request by the Alamance Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to locate a store at 942 East Harden Street, Graham.

During the Dec. 16 session, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$61,000 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 Jan. 8, 2010 with suspensions beginning Jan. 15, 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.

"This Commission expects high standards of behavior from the individuals that manage and sell alcoholic beverages in the state," Williams said. "The role of the Commission is to review and to regulate alcohol for the benefit of the people of North Carolina. Imposing fines and suspensions is an important part of that job."

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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