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N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Approves Six Stores and Hears 64 Permit Violation Cases

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission approved the opening of four new stores, sanctioned the reopening of one, and authorized a joint store agreement between two boards at its regular monthly meeting Nov. 17. In addition, the Commission reviewed and took action on 64 permit violation cases.

The Commission approved new store locations for the Asheville ABC Board, the Clay County ABC Board, the Cumberland County ABC Board and the Marion ABC Board. The Pembroke store, which had been closed since October 2008, was approved for reopening after reorganization and appointment of a new board. The Sylva and Bryson City ABC Boards requested and were approved for a joint store agreement.

During the Nov. 17 session, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$70,000 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 Dec. 11 with suspensions beginning Dec. 18. 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 the businesses that hold permits to maintain high standards in the way they manage and sell alcoholic beverages," Williams said. "Our goal is to be even-handed and fair and to consider each matter – whether an application for a new store or an alleged permit violation -- on its own merits."

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. In fiscal year 2008, the Commission returned approximately \$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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