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**NC ABC COMMISSION TABLES HENDERSONVILLE ABC REQUEST
FOR NEW STORE DURING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission voted unanimously to table a request by the Hendersonville ABC Board for a store location that had raised objections from the Henderson County government.

Before asking that the request be tabled, incoming Hendersonville ABC Board chairman Charles Byrd spoke to the three-member state ABC Commission in support of the request to build a new store on property that recently has been satellite annexed into the city of Hendersonville.

Following his remarks, ABC Commission Administrator Mike Herring recommended against approval of the site since it is a mile and a half into Henderson County, which is dry and has not had a vote on the question since the 1950s.

"I understand the business rationale for the store. But the statute tells us to consider how the community has voted. This store would be located in the middle of a community that has chosen to be dry, and I have concerns about that," said Chairman Jon Williams.

Chairman Williams asked whether the Hendersonville ABC Board preferred to have the state ABC Commission vote on the request today or to table it until the local board asks to be heard again. They asked that it be tabled.

In other action, the Commission approved the request by the Durham County ABC Board for a store to be relocated to 4717 Hope Valley Road in the Woodcraft Shopping Center of Durham. Approval was recommended by the Commission staff.

In its rulings on the permit violations, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$117,000 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 July 8, 2011 with suspensions beginning July 15, 2011. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.



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In other action, the Commission approved for notice and publication in the North Carolina Register Permanent Rules regarding working capital, store appearance, customer service, shelf management, general guidelines, advertising of spirituous liquors and advertising of mixed beverages.

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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