



## Alcoholic Beverage Control

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## **NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 71 HEARING CASES**

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 71 hearing cases.

In its rulings, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$85,000 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 Dec. 2, 2011, with suspensions beginning Dec. 9, 2011. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

Commissioner A.D. "Zander" Guy served as acting chair for the proceedings, which also included official action by Commissioner Daniel L. Briggs. All votes were unanimous. Former ABC Commission Chairman Jon Williams is no longer with the state ABC Commission as he began serving Nov. 1 as Assistant Secretary for Energy in the NC Department of Commerce.

In other business, the Commission approved a technical change request by the Rules Review Commission for 04 NCAC 02R.1711.

### **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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