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NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 81 HEARING CASES

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 81 hearing cases. In addition, the Commission upheld the rulings of administrative law judges regarding the revocation of ABC permits held by La Poblanita in Aberdeen and the suspension of ABC permits held by GK Mart of Winterville. The Commission also approved a three-year suspension of the ABC permits of Greensboro nightclub Touch, whose permits had been under summary suspension since a double shooting at the club in October 2010.

In its rulings on 81 permit violations, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$97,000 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 September 30, 2011, with suspensions beginning October 7, 2011. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

The Commission set a special telephone meeting at 11:30 am on September 14 to consider rules discussed during last month's public hearing regarding performance standards for local ABC Boards.

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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