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NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 68 HEARING CASES

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 68 hearing cases.

The Commission also heard and approved a recommendation to extend the contract for warehouse services with LB&B Associates. The Commission is currently in the first year of a five-year contract extension with the company that manages the storage and distribution of liquor from the warehouses to the local ABC boards. Among other things, the new contract extension creates fuel cost savings and includes provisions to create efficiencies projected to lower per case fees for the ABC boards. The extension adds five years to the contract and includes a provision that it can be cancelled with a one-year notice.

The Commission also approved recommended technical changes to 04 NCAC 02R.0802 and 04 NCAC 025.1008 requested by the Rules Review Commission. The ABC Commission also approved a change to 04 NCAC 025.1008 to satisfy an objection by the Rules Review Commission.

In its rulings, the Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$81,000 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 February 3, 2012, with suspensions beginning February 10, 2012. 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.

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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