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NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 66 HEARING CASES

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 66 hearing violations. The Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$79,000 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 December 7, 2012, with suspensions beginning December 14, 2012. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

At this morning's meeting, the Commission also approved a request from the Pitt County ABC Board for an ABC store with projected annual sales of \$4 million to be located at the intersection of Arlington Boulevard and Fire Tower Road in Greenville. The Pitt County ABC Board also proposes to close two existing stores (one at 337 Arlington Boulevard, Greenville, and one at 4125-H Old Tar Road, Winterville).

In other business, the Commission approved an exemption request by a partial owner of Vesuvius Vineyards to sell wine in a Lincolnton gift shop in which she also is a partial owner. (The gift shop would not be allowed to sell wine produced by the vineyard.)

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 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. The commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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