



## Alcoholic Beverage Control

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### **NC ABC COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON 77 HEARING CASES**

RALEIGH – During its regular monthly meeting today, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission took action on 77 hearing violations. The Commission imposed penalties and fines of approximately \$92,000 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 Nov.2, 2012, with suspensions beginning Nov. 9, 2012. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

At this morning's meeting, the Commission also approved a request from the Mecklenburg County ABC Board to install signs at its Ballantyne ABC Store. At its May meeting, the Commission approved the Ballantyne store location, but had required a review of the proposed signage before allowing it to be installed at the new store site.

In other business, the Commission reviewed and approved three proposed rules changes, which included two technical changes to update web addresses and one rule change regarding multi-use containers.

#### **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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