



**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

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**NC ABC COMMISSION RATIFIES 122 CASES IN REGULAR MEETING**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission met today and took action on 122 permit violations, levying penalties in excess of \$200,000 and/or imposing suspensions of five days or more on businesses that hold permits to sell alcohol in the state. Fines are due Dec.11, and suspensions begin Dec. 18.

An Offer in Compromise related to La Residence was among the cases ratified today. La Residence agreed to a suspension of ABC permits for 50 days beginning Dec. 18. The business has the option of avoiding the last 36 days of suspension by paying a penalty of \$5,000 on or before Dec. 11. If the penalty is paid, the suspension would continue through Dec. 31 and the business would be eligible to sell alcohol at 7 a.m. Jan. 1, 2016.

Following the meeting ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner said, “Sixty-seven percent of the cases on our agenda today were related to underage drinking. It is a big problem. The ABC Commission is working with the state Alcohol Law Enforcement and local law enforcement to make sure that all permit holders understand the law and the serious consequences of selling or serving people who are under 21 years of age.”

In other matters during the meeting the Commission approved:

- An ABC store requested by the Wayne County ABC Board. The new store is to be located at 3370 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro.
- Exemptions from GS 18B-116(b) requested by:
  - Grain Raleigh, Trophy on Maywood, 225 South Wilmington Tenant, State of Beer; &
  - Henderson Leisure Properties; Carolina Leisure Properties, and Michael G. Kurimsky.

**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 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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