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## **NC ABC COMMISSION RATIFIES 121 CASES DURING NOVEMBER MEETING**

RALEIGH – The NC ABC Commission held its regular monthly meeting today and approved penalties in excess of \$145,000 and/or imposed suspensions of three days or more on 121 businesses that hold permits to sell alcohol in the state. Fines are due Dec. 2, 2016, and suspensions begin Dec. 9, 2016.

The Commission also approved a request for exemption under NC GS 18-B 1116 (b) to allow Guaravkumar Patel, who has an ownership in six restaurants in the Raleigh area, also to invest in a Kinston distillery.

The Commissioners approved an adjustment to the contract for warehouse services reflecting the increase in case shipments of 269,000 additional cases shipped and 27,000 gallons of additional fuel in the last fiscal year. The contract had not been adjusted for the past five years, although case shipments have grown by more than 1 million during the period. The adjustment total was \$250,000. The Commission also approved a contract amendment for additional services to be provided to the 166 local ABC boards by warehouse contractor LB&B. Under the amendment, the Commission will pay an additional \$550,000 in the first year and \$300,000 in subsequent years of the contract (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021) for the additional services. The adjustment and amendment will be funded from current bailment fees for cases shipped from the warehouse to the boards across the state.

The Commissioners also gave the ABC Commission Administrator and legal staff the authority to enforce sanctions for businesses with ABC permits that operate in Urban Redevelopment Areas, which is a municipal zoning category defined by state law.

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. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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