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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE, TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR MOST COMMERCIAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 18B-101(13a) reads as rewritten:

"(13a) 'Special ABC area' means an area ~~in a city or county, either unincorporated or incorporated, with less than 500 permanent residents that:~~

- (1) ~~Borders on another state;~~
- (2) ~~Where ABC stores are permitted in one or more cities in the county;~~
- (3) ~~Where the on-premises or off-premises sale of unfortified wines and malt beverages by qualified persons and establishments, including persons and establishments qualified under G.S. 18B-603(c) or G.S. 18B-603(d), is permitted countywide or in two or~~

1 ~~more cities in the county; and such area that meets all of the~~  
 2 ~~following requirements:~~

3 a. ~~Has fewer than 500 permanent residents.~~

4 b. ~~Is located in a county that borders another state, that has~~  
 5 ~~at least one city that has approved the operation of an~~  
 6 ~~ABC store, and in which the sale of unfortified wine and~~  
 7 ~~malt beverages is permitted countywide or in at least two~~  
 8 ~~cities.~~

9 (a)c. ~~Contains more than 500-200 contiguous acres~~  
 10 ~~and is made up of privately-owned land and land~~  
 11 ~~owned by an association or a club having that is~~  
 12 ~~exempt from income tax on its membership~~  
 13 ~~income under Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the~~  
 14 ~~General Statutes, has more than 200 members~~  
 15 ~~and members, was created for municipal and~~  
 16 ~~recreational purposes; purposes, and, (b) Which~~  
 17 ~~for three or more years-years, has levied~~  
 18 ~~assessments or dues and provided municipal~~  
 19 ~~services; and services.~~

20 (c) ~~Is incorporated as a municipality or has within such area~~  
 21 ~~a private association or club that has been determined or~~  
 22 ~~is treated by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt~~  
 23 ~~from tax on member source or exempt function income."~~

24 Sec. 2. G.S. 18B-101 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

25 "(14a) 'Tourism ABC establishment' means a restaurant or hotel that meets  
 26 both of the following requirements:

27 a. Is located within 1.5 miles of the end of an entrance or exit  
 28 ramp of a junction on a national scenic parkway designed to  
 29 attract local, State, national, and international tourists between  
 30 Milepost 305 and 460.

31 b. Is located in a county in which the on-premises sale of malt  
 32 beverages or unfortified wine is authorized in at least one city."

33 Sec. 3. G.S. 18B-200(d) reads as rewritten:

34 "(d) Employees. – The Commission may authorize the chairman to employ,  
 35 discharge, and otherwise supervise subordinate personnel of the Commission. The  
 36 Commission shall appoint at least one ~~hearing officer with authority~~ employee to make  
 37 investigations, hold ~~hearings, and hearings requested under G.S. 18B-1205,~~ and represent  
 38 the Commission in contested case hearings or perform any other duties authorized by  
 39 Chapter 150B."

40 Sec. 4. G.S. 18B-201(a) reads as rewritten:

41 "(a) Financial Interests Restricted. – No person shall be appointed to or  
 42 employed by the Commission, a local board, or the ALE ~~Division, Division~~  
 43 person or a member of ~~his household that person's family~~ related to him that person by  
 44 blood or marriage to the first degree has or controls, directly or indirectly, a financial

1 interest in any commercial alcoholic beverage enterprise, including any business  
2 required to have an ABC permit. The Commission may exempt from this provision any  
3 person, other than a Commission member, when the financial interest in question is so  
4 insignificant or remote that it is unlikely to affect the person's official actions in any  
5 way. Exemptions may be granted only to individuals, not to groups or classes of  
6 people, and each exemption shall be in writing, be available for public inspection, and  
7 contain a statement of the financial interest in question."

8 Sec. 5. G.S. 18B-503 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 18B-503. Disposition of seized alcoholic beverages.**

10 (a) Storage. – A law-enforcement officer who seizes alcoholic beverages as  
11 evidence of an ABC law violation shall provide for the storage of those alcoholic  
12 beverages until the commencement of the trial or administrative hearing relating to the  
13 violation, unless some other disposition is authorized under this section.

14 (b) Disposition Before Trial. – After giving notice to each defendant, to any other  
15 known owner, and to the Commission, a judge may ~~make order any of~~ the following  
16 dispositions of alcoholic beverages seized as evidence of an ABC law violation:

17 (1) ~~He shall order the~~ The destruction of any malt beverages except that  
18 amount needed for evidence at trial.

19 (2) ~~He may order the~~ The sale of any alcoholic beverages other than malt  
20 beverages or nontaxpaid alcoholic beverages, and other than any  
21 alcoholic beverages needed for evidence at trial, if the trial is likely to  
22 be delayed for more than 90 days, or if the quantity or nature of the  
23 alcoholic beverages is such that storage is impractical or unduly  
24 expensive.

25 (3) ~~He may order~~ The destruction of the alcoholic beverages if storage or  
26 sale is not practical.

27 (4) ~~He may order continued~~ Continued storage of the alcoholic beverages.

28 (c) Disposition After Trial. – After the criminal charge is resolved, a judge may  
29 order the following dispositions of seized alcoholic beverages:

30 (1) If the owner or possessor of the alcoholic beverages is found guilty of  
31 a criminal charge relating to those alcoholic beverages, the judge may  
32 order the sale or destruction of any alcoholic beverages that were held  
33 until trial.

34 (2) If the owner or possessor of the alcoholic beverages is found not  
35 guilty, or if charges are dismissed or otherwise resolved in ~~his favor,~~  
36 favor of the owner or possessor, the judge shall order the alcoholic  
37 beverages returned to that owner or possessor, except as provided in  
38 subdivision (3).

39 (3) If the owner or possessor of the alcoholic beverages is found not  
40 guilty, or if charges are otherwise resolved in ~~his favor,~~ favor of the  
41 owner or possessor, but possession of the alcoholic beverages by ~~him~~  
42 that owner or possessor would be unlawful, the judge shall order the  
43 alcoholic beverages either sold or destroyed.

1 (4) If ownership of the alcoholic beverages remains uncertain after trial or  
2 after the charges have been dismissed, the judge may order the  
3 alcoholic beverages held, or the alcoholic beverages sold and the  
4 proceeds held, for a specified time, until ownership of the alcoholic  
5 beverages can be determined.

6 (d) Holding for Administrative Hearings. – If alcoholic beverages used as  
7 evidence in a criminal proceeding are also needed as evidence at an administrative  
8 hearing, a judge shall not order any of the dispositions set out in subsection (c), but shall  
9 order the alcoholic beverages held for the administrative hearing and for a determination  
10 of final disposition by the ~~Commission or one of its hearing officers. A hearing officer for the~~  
11 Commission. The Commission may, before or after an administrative hearing, order any  
12 of the dispositions authorized under subsections (b) and (c). If no related criminal  
13 proceeding has commenced, the ~~Commission or its hearing officers~~ shall not order sale or  
14 destruction of alcoholic beverages until notice has been given to the district attorney for  
15 the district where the alcoholic beverages were seized or any violation of ABC laws  
16 related to the seizure of the alcoholic beverages is likely to be prosecuted.

17 (e) Sale Procedure. – The sale of unfortified wine or fortified wine shall be by  
18 public auction unless those wines would likely become spoiled or lose value in the time  
19 required to arrange a public auction. If spoilage or loss of value is likely, the judge ~~or~~  
20 ~~hearing officer~~ ordering the sale or the Commission may authorize sale at the prevailing  
21 wholesale price, as determined by the Commission, to one or more persons holding the  
22 appropriate retail wine permits in the county in which the wine was seized, or in a  
23 neighboring county if there are no such persons in the county in which the wine was  
24 seized. Spirituous liquor may be sold only to the local ABC board serving the city or  
25 county in which the liquor was seized, or, if there is no local board for that city or  
26 county, to the nearest local board. The sale price shall be at least ten percent (10%) less  
27 than the price the local board would pay for the same liquor bought through the State  
28 warehouse.

29 (f) Sale Proceeds. – An agency selling alcoholic beverages seized under the  
30 provisions of this Chapter shall keep the proceeds in a separate account until some other  
31 disposition is ordered by a judge or ~~a Commission hearing officer. If, in the Commission.~~  
32 In a criminal proceeding, if the owner or possessor of the alcoholic beverages is found  
33 guilty of a violation relating to seizure of the alcoholic beverages, or if he the owner or  
34 possessor is found not guilty, or if guilty or the charge is dismissed or otherwise resolved  
35 in his favor, favor of the owner or possessor, but the possession of the alcoholic  
36 beverages by him that owner or possessor would be unlawful, or if the ownership of the  
37 alcoholic beverages cannot be determined, the proceeds from the sale of those alcoholic  
38 beverages shall be paid to the school fund of the county in which the alcoholic  
39 beverages were seized. If the owner or possessor of alcoholic beverages seized for  
40 violation of the ABC laws is found not guilty of criminal charges relating to the seizure  
41 of those beverages, or if beverages or the charge is dismissed or otherwise resolved in his  
42 favor, favor of the owner or possessor, and if possession of the alcoholic beverages by  
43 him that owner or possessor was lawful when the beverages were seized, the proceeds  
44 from the sale of those alcoholic beverages shall be paid to him the owner or possessor.

1 The agency making the sale may deduct and retain from the amount to be placed in the  
2 county school fund the costs of storing the seized alcoholic beverages and of conducting  
3 the sale, but may not deduct those costs from the amount to be turned over to an owner  
4 or possessor of the alcoholic beverages.

5 (g) Court Action by Owner. – Any person who ~~has~~claims any of the following  
6 ~~claims~~ resulting from the seizure of alcoholic beverages may bring an action in the  
7 superior court of the county in which the alcoholic beverages were seized:

- 8 (1) ~~Alcoholic~~To be the owner of alcoholic beverages owned by him are  
9 ~~wrongfully held; that are wrongfully held.~~
- 10 (2) ~~Alcoholic~~To be the owner of alcoholic beverages owned by him that are  
11 ~~needed as evidence in another proceeding; proceeding.~~
- 12 (3) ~~He is~~To be entitled to proceeds from a sale of seized alcoholic  
13 ~~beverages; beverages.~~
- 14 (4) ~~He is~~To be entitled to restitution for alcoholic beverages wrongfully  
15 ~~destroyed."~~

16 Sec. 6. G.S. 18B-504(e) reads as rewritten:

17 "(e) Disposition after Trial. – The presiding judge in a criminal proceeding for  
18 violation of ABC laws may take the following actions after resolution of a charge  
19 against the owner or possessor of property subject to forfeiture under this section:

- 20 (1) If the owner or possessor of the property is found guilty of an ABC  
21 offense, the judge may order the property forfeited.
- 22 (2) If the owner or possessor of the property is found not guilty, or if the  
23 charge is dismissed or otherwise resolved in ~~his favor; favor of the~~  
24 owner or possessor, the judge shall order the property returned to the  
25 owner or possessor.
- 26 (3) If ownership of the property remains uncertain after trial, the judge  
27 may order the property held for a specified time to determine  
28 ownership. If the judge finds that ownership cannot be determined  
29 with reasonable effort, ~~he~~the judge shall order the property forfeited.
- 30 (4) Regardless of the disposition of the charge, if the property is  
31 something that may not be possessed lawfully, the judge shall order it  
32 forfeited.
- 33 (5) If the property is also needed as evidence at an administrative hearing,  
34 the judge shall provide that ~~his~~the order does not go into effect until  
35 the Commission ~~or one of its hearing officers~~ determines that the  
36 property is no longer needed for the administrative proceeding."

37 Sec. 7. G.S. 18B-603(d)(4) reads as rewritten:

38 "(4) The Commission may issue brown-bagging permits for private clubs  
39 and congressionally chartered veterans organizations but may no  
40 longer issue and may not renew brown-bagging permits for  
41 restaurants, hotels, and community theatres. A restaurant, hotel, or  
42 community theatre may not be issued a mixed beverage permit under  
43 subdivision (1) until it surrenders its brown-bagging permit."

44 Sec. 8. G.S. 18B-603(f) reads as rewritten:

1       (f) Permits Not Dependent on Elections. – The Commission may issue the  
2 following kinds of permits without approval at an election:

- 3           (1) Special occasion permits;
- 4           (2) Limited special occasion permits;
- 5           (3) Brown-bagging permits for private ~~clubs;~~ clubs and congressionally  
6 chartered veterans organizations;
- 7           (4) Culinary permits, except as restricted by subdivision (d)(5);
- 8           (5) Special one-time permits issued under G.S. 18B-1002;
- 9           (6) All permits listed in ~~G.S. 18B-1100.~~ G.S. 18B-1100;
- 10          (7) On-premises malt beverage permits and on-premises unfortified wine  
11 permits for a tourism ABC establishment."

12       Sec. 9. G.S. 18B-603(h) reads as rewritten:

13       (h) Permits Based on Existing Permits. – In any county in which the sale of malt  
14 beverage on and off premises, the sale of unfortified wine on and off premises, the sale  
15 of mixed beverages, and the operation of an ABC system has been allowed in at least  
16 six cities in the county, or in any county adjacent to that county in which an ABC  
17 system has been allowed and which borders on the Atlantic Ocean, the Commission  
18 may issue permits to sports clubs as defined in G.S. 18B-1000(8) throughout the county.  
19 The Commission may issue the following permits:

- 20           (1) On and Off Premises Malt Beverage;
- 21           (2) On and Off Premises Unfortified Wine;
- 22           (3) On and Off Premises Fortified Wine; or
- 23           (4) ~~Mixed Beverage.~~ Beverages.

24       ~~Retail establishments holding mixed beverage permits shall purchase their spirituous~~  
25 ~~liquor at the nearest municipal ABC system store.~~–The Commission may also issue on-  
26 premises malt beverage, unfortified wine, fortified wine and mixed beverages permits to  
27 a sports club located in a county adjacent to any county that has approved the sale of  
28 mixed beverages pursuant to the last paragraph of G.S. 18B-603(d), if the county in  
29 which the sports club is located borders another state and has at least one city that has  
30 approved the sale of mixed beverages. Sports clubs holding mixed beverages permits  
31 shall purchase their spirituous liquor at the nearest ~~municipal ABC system store that has~~  
32 ~~been designated for such purchases.~~ store that is located in the county.

33       The Commission may further issue on-premises malt beverage and on-premises  
34 unfortified wine permits to a sports club located in a county bordering on another state  
35 that is adjacent to any county in which permits were issued pursuant to this subsection  
36 prior to August 1, 1993. The sports clubs must be located in the unincorporated areas of  
37 a county, in which the sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine is not permitted, and  
38 where there are six or more municipalities in that county where the sale of malt  
39 beverages and unfortified wine is permitted."

40       Sec. 10. G.S. 18B-900(c) reads as rewritten:

41       (c) Who Must Qualify; Exceptions. – For an ABC permit to be issued to and held  
42 for a business, each of the following persons associated with that business must qualify  
43 under subsection (a):

- 44           (1) The owner of a sole proprietorship;

- 1 (2) Each member of a firm, association or general partnership;  
 2 (2a) Each general partner in a limited partnership;  
 3 (3) Each officer, director and owner of ~~more than~~ twenty-five percent  
 4 (25%) or more of the stock of a corporation except that the  
 5 requirement of subdivision (a)(1) does not apply to such an officer,  
 6 director, or stockholder unless he is a manager or is otherwise  
 7 responsible for the day-to-day operation of the business;  
 8 (4) The manager of an establishment operated by a corporation other than  
 9 an establishment with only off-premises malt beverage, off-premises  
 10 unfortified wine, or off-premises fortified wine permits;  
 11 (5) Any manager who has been empowered as attorney-in-fact for a  
 12 nonresident individual or partnership."

13 Sec. 11. G.S. 18B-902 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 18B-902. Application for permit; fees.**

15 (a) Form. – An application for an ABC permit shall be on a form prescribed  
 16 by the Commission and shall be notarized. The application shall be signed and sworn to  
 17 by each person required to qualify under G.S. 18B-900(c).

18 (b) Investigation. – Before issuing a new permit, the Commission, with the  
 19 assistance of the ALE Division, shall investigate the applicant and the premises for  
 20 which the permit is requested. The Commission may request the assistance of local  
 21 ABC officers in investigating applications. An applicant shall cooperate fully with the  
 22 investigation.

23 (c) False Information. – Knowingly making a false statement in an application  
 24 for an ABC permit shall be grounds for denying, suspending, revoking or taking other  
 25 action against the permit as provided in G.S. 18B-104 and shall also be unlawful.

26 (d) Fees. – An application for an ABC permit shall be accompanied by payment  
 27 of the following application fee:

- 28 (1) On-premises malt beverage permit – \$200.00.  
 29 (2) Off-premises malt beverage permit – \$200.00.  
 30 (3) On-premises unfortified wine permit – \$200.00.  
 31 (4) Off-premises unfortified wine permit – \$200.00.  
 32 (5) On-premises fortified wine permit – \$200.00.  
 33 (6) Off-premises fortified wine permit – \$200.00.  
 34 (7) Brown-bagging permit – \$200.00, unless the application is for a  
 35 restaurant seating less than 50, in which case the fee shall be \$100.00.  
 36 (8) Special occasion permit – \$200.00.  
 37 (9) Limited special occasion permit – \$25.00.  
 38 (10) Mixed beverages permit – \$750.00.  
 39 (11) Culinary permit – \$100.00.  
 40 (12) Unfortified winery permit – ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.  
 41 (13) Fortified winery permit – ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.  
 42 (14) Limited winery permit – ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.  
 43 (15) Brewery permit – ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.  
 44 (16) Distillery permit – ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.

- 1 (17) Fuel alcohol permit — ~~\$10.00.~~ \$50.00.  
2 (18) Wine importer permit — ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.  
3 (19) Wine wholesaler permit — ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.  
4 (20) Malt beverage importer permit — ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.  
5 (21) Malt beverage wholesaler permit — ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.  
6 (22) Bottler permit — ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.  
7 (23) Salesman permit — \$25.00.  
8 (24) Vendor representative permit — \$25.00.  
9 (25) Nonresident malt beverage vendor permit — ~~\$25.00.~~ \$50.00.  
10 (26) Nonresident wine vendor permit — ~~\$25.00.~~ \$50.00.  
11 (27) Any special one-time permit under G.S. 18B-1002 — \$25.00.  
12 (28) Winery special event permit — \$100.00.  
13 (29) Mixed beverages catering permit — \$100.00.  
14 (30) Guest room cabinet permit — \$750.00.

15 (e) Fee for Combined Applications. — If application is made at the same time for  
16 retail malt beverage, unfortified wine and fortified wine permits for a single business  
17 location, the total fee for those applications shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00). If  
18 application is made at the same time for brown-bagging and special occasion permits  
19 for a single business location, the total fee for those applications shall be three hundred  
20 dollars (\$300.00). If application is made at the same time for wine and malt beverage  
21 importer permits, the total fee for those applications shall be one hundred fifty dollars  
22 ~~(\$100.00).~~ ~~(\$150.00).~~ If application is made at the same time for wine and malt beverage  
23 wholesaler permits, the total fee for those applications shall be one hundred fifty dollars  
24 ~~(\$100.00).~~ ~~(\$150.00).~~ If application is made in the same year for vendor representative  
25 permits to represent more than one vendor, only one fee shall be paid. If application is  
26 made at the same time for nonresident malt beverage vendor and nonresident wine  
27 vendor permits, the total fee for those applications shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

28 (f) Fee Not Refundable. — The fee required by subsection (d) shall not be  
29 refunded.

30 (g) Fees to Treasurer. — All fees collected by the Commission under this or any  
31 other section of this Chapter shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for the General  
32 Fund."

33 Sec. 12. G.S. 18B-904(f) reads as rewritten:

34 "(f) Local Government Objections. — ~~In any hearing in which the suitability of a~~  
35 ~~location or applicant is an issue, a local government official may be designated by the~~  
36 ~~local governing authority to make recommendations pursuant to G.S. 18B-901(b) and~~  
37 ~~may testify at the hearing without further qualification or authorization.~~ The governing  
38 body of a city or county may designate an official of the city or county, by name or by  
39 position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of a person or of a  
40 location for an ABC permit. The governing body of a city or county shall notify the  
41 Commission of an official designated under this subsection. An official designated  
42 under this subsection shall be allowed to testify at a contested case hearing in which the  
43 suitability of a person or of a location for an ABC permit is an issue without further  
44 qualification or authorization."

1 Sec. 13. G.S. 18B-906 reads as rewritten:

2 **"§ 18B-906. Applicability of Administrative Procedure Act.**

3 (a) Act Applies. – An ABC permit is a 'license' within the meaning of G.S. ~~150A-~~  
4 ~~2, 150B-2,~~ and a Commission action on issuance, ~~suspension~~-suspension, or revocation  
5 of an ABC permit, other than a temporary permit issued under G.S. 18B-905, is a  
6 'contested case' subject to the provisions of Chapter ~~150A-150B~~ except as provided in  
7 ~~subsection (b)-~~this section.

8 (b) Exception on Hearing Location. – Hearings on ABC permits shall be held in  
9 Ahoskie, Asheville, Bryson City, Charlotte, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Franklin,  
10 Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Jacksonville, Kinston, New Bern, Raleigh,  
11 Statesville, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem. Hearings shall be held within 100 miles,  
12 as best can be determined by the Commission, of the county seat of the county in which  
13 the licensed business or proposed business is located. The hearing may be held,  
14 however, at any place upon agreement of the Commission and all other parties.

15 (c) Exception on New Evidence. – In making a final decision in a contested case  
16 in which an issue is whether to deny an application for an ABC permit because either  
17 the applicant or the location for the proposed ABC permit is unsuitable, the Commission  
18 may hear evidence of acts that occurred after the date the contested case hearing was  
19 held if the evidence is admissible under G.S. 150B-29(a). New evidence heard under  
20 this subsection is not grounds for reversal or remand under G.S. 150B-51(a)."

21 Sec. 14. G.S. 18B-1000 is amended by inserting a new subdivision in the  
22 appropriate alphabetical order to read:

23 "(5a) Residential private club. – A private club that is located in a privately  
24 owned, primarily residential and recreational development."

25 Sec. 15. G.S. 18B-1000(8) reads as rewritten:

26 "(8) Sports club. – An establishment substantially engaged in the business  
27 of providing ~~athletic facilities~~-an 18-hole golf course, a tennis court, or  
28 both. The sports club can either be open to the general public or ~~for to~~  
29 ~~members and their guests. Sports clubs shall only include golf courses.~~  
30 To qualify as a sports club, an establishment's gross receipts for club  
31 activities shall be greater than its gross receipts for alcoholic  
32 beverages. This provision does not prohibit a sports club from  
33 operating a restaurant. Receipts for food shall be included in with the  
34 club activity fee."

35 Sec. 16. G.S. 18B-1004(e) reads as rewritten:

36 "(e) This section does not prohibit at any time the wholesale delivery and sale of  
37 unfortified wine, fortified wine, and malt beverages to retailers issued permits pursuant  
38 to ~~G.S. 18B-1001~~-G.S. 18B-1001 or G.S. 18B-1002(a)(2) or (5)."

39 Sec. 17. G.S. 18B-1006(h) reads as rewritten:

40 "(h) Purchase Restrictions. – A retail permittee may purchase malt beverages,  
41 unfortified wine, or fortified wine only from a wholesaler ~~or importer~~-who maintains a  
42 place of business in this State and has the proper permit."

43 Sec. 18. G.S. 18B-1006(j) reads as rewritten:

1       "(j) ~~Recreation/Sports Recreation Districts. —The Notwithstanding the provisions~~  
2 ~~of Article 6 of this Chapter, the Commission may issue permits for the sale of malt~~  
3 ~~beverages and beverages, unfortified wine wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages to~~  
4 ~~qualified businesses in a recreation in recreation/sports districts when they are wholly~~  
5 ~~located in a County where there are two or more municipalities that are wholly located in the~~  
6 ~~County that allow the sale of alcoholic beverages while the sale of any alcoholic beverages is~~  
7 ~~prohibited in the nonincorporated areas of the County, and the area to be included in the~~  
8 ~~recreation/sports district has been previously identified by one of those municipalities through a~~  
9 ~~resolution of intent for annexation. The issuance of the permits shall be upon the formal written~~  
10 ~~request of the City indicating the intent to annex the area or upon formal written request of the~~  
11 ~~County Commissioners with the request designating the geographic boundaries of the district in~~  
12 ~~which the permits may be issued.~~

13       For the purposes of this act a recreation/sports district shall not exceed one half mile  
14 ~~in diameter and shall host at least five sporting events each year.~~ district. A 'recreation  
15 district' is an area that is located in a county that has not approved the issuance of  
16 permits, has at least two cities that have approved the sale of malt beverages, wine, and  
17 the operation of an ABC store, and contains a facility of at least 450 acres where five or  
18 more public auto racing events are held each year. The recreation district includes the  
19 area within a half-mile radius of the racing facility."

20       Sec. 19. G.S. 18B-1006(k) reads as rewritten:

21       "(k) ~~Special Residential Private Club and Sports Club Permits. — The Commission~~  
22 ~~may issue the permits listed in G.S. 18B-1001 to qualified persons and establishments~~  
23 ~~located within a private club located in a private development, 18B-1001, without approval~~  
24 ~~at an election: election, to a residential private club or a sports club that is located in a~~  
25 ~~county that meets the requirements set in any of the following subdivisions:~~

26       (1) ~~In any county which has Has a population of less than 45,000 by the last~~  
27 ~~federal census, and in which there are has at least three but not more~~  
28 ~~than four cities that have approved the sale of malt beverages or~~  
29 ~~unfortified wine; and wine, has a. Only only one city in the county that~~  
30 ~~has approved the on-premises sale of malt beverages, and b. At has at~~  
31 ~~least two cities in the county have that approved the operation of ABC~~  
32 ~~stores before the ratification date of this section; or July 10, 1992.~~

33       (2) ~~In any county bordering on Borders a county that has called elections~~  
34 ~~pursuant to G.S. 18B-600(f); and 18B-600(f), and:~~

35       a. ~~Has not approved the a.The issuance of permits permits, other~~  
36 ~~than malt beverage permits, in unincorporated areas of the~~  
37 ~~county has not been approved, county, and b. Not has no more~~  
38 ~~than three cities in the county have that approved the operation of~~  
39 ~~ABC stores before the ratification date of this section. July 10,~~  
40 ~~1992; or~~

41       b. ~~Both the county and the two cities within the county have~~  
42 ~~approved the operation of ABC stores.~~

43       (3) ~~Is bordered by four counties that have not approved the issuance of~~  
44 ~~permits and have at least one city that has approved the operation of an~~  
45 ~~ABC store.~~

1 The mixed beverages ~~transportation-purchase-transportation~~ permit authorized by  
 2 G.S. 18B-404(b) shall be issued by a local board operating a store located in the  
 3 county. ~~A private club located in the county is defined as a club or lodge located in a privately~~  
 4 ~~owned, primarily residential and recreational development, which is open only to members by~~  
 5 ~~invitation of the club's board of directors and the guests of these members."~~

6 Sec. 20. G.S. 18B-1104(7) reads as rewritten:

7 "(7) In areas where the sale is legal, sell the brewery's malt beverages at the  
 8 brewery upon receiving a permit under G.S. 18B-1001(1). The  
 9 brewery also may obtain a malt beverage wholesaler permit to sell,  
 10 deliver, and ship at wholesale only malt beverages manufactured by  
 11 the brewery. This ~~The~~ authorization of this subdivision applies to a  
 12 brewery that sells, to consumers at the brewery, to wholesalers, to  
 13 retailers, and to exporters, fewer than 310,000 gallons of malt  
 14 beverages produced by it per year."

15 Sec. 21. G.S. 18B-1106(a) reads as rewritten:

16 "(a) Authorization. – The holder of a wine importer permit may:

- 17 (1) Import fortified and unfortified wines from outside the United States in
- 18 closed containers;
- 19 (2) Store those wines;
- 20 (3) Sell those wines ~~at wholesale~~ to wine wholesalers for purposes of
- 21 resale."

22 Sec. 22. G.S. 18B-1108 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 18B-1108. Authorization of malt beverages importer permit.**

24 The holder of a malt beverages importer permit may:

- 25 (1) Import malt beverages from outside the United States in closed
- 26 containers;
- 27 (2) Store those malt beverages;
- 28 (3) Sell those malt beverages ~~at wholesale~~ to malt beverage wholesalers for
- 29 purposes of resale."

30 Sec. 23. G.S. 18B-1113 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 18B-1113. Authorization of nonresident malt beverage vendor permit.**

32 The holder of a nonresident malt beverage vendor permit may sell, ~~deliver~~ deliver,  
 33 and ship malt beverages in this State only to wholesalers, ~~importers~~ importers, and  
 34 bottlers licensed under this Chapter, as authorized by the ABC laws. The malt  
 35 beverages must come to rest at the licensed premises of a malt beverage wholesaler in  
 36 this State before being resold to a retailer. A nonresident malt beverage vendor permit  
 37 may be issued to a brewery, ~~importer~~ an importer, or a bottler outside North Carolina  
 38 who desires to sell, ~~deliver~~ deliver, and ship malt beverages into this State."

39 Sec. 24. G.S. 18B-1114 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 18B-1114. Authorization of nonresident wine vendor permit.**

41 The holder of a nonresident wine vendor permit may sell, ~~deliver~~ deliver, and ship  
 42 unfortified and fortified wine in this State only to wholesalers, ~~importers~~ importers, and  
 43 bottlers licensed under this Chapter, as authorized by the ABC laws. The unfortified  
 44 and fortified wine must come to rest at the licensed premises of a wine wholesaler in

1 this State before being resold to a retailer. A nonresident wine vendor permit may be  
2 issued to a winery, a wholesaler, an importer, or a bottler outside North Carolina who  
3 desires to sell, ~~deliver-deliver,~~ and ship unfortified and fortified wine into this State."

4 Sec. 25. G.S. 18B-1116(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Prohibitions. – It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer, bottler, or  
6 wholesaler of any alcoholic beverages, or for any officer, director, or affiliate thereof,  
7 either directly or indirectly to:

- 8 (1) Require that an alcoholic beverage retailer purchase any alcoholic  
9 beverages from that person to the full or partial exclusion of any other  
10 alcoholic beverages offered for sale by other persons in this State; or  
11 (2) Have any direct or indirect financial interest in the business of any  
12 alcoholic beverage retailer in this State or in the premises where the  
13 business of any alcoholic beverage retailer in this State is conducted;  
14 or  
15 (3) Lend or give to any alcoholic beverage retailer in this State or his  
16 employee or to the owner of the premises where the business of any  
17 alcoholic beverage retailer in this State is conducted, any money,  
18 service, equipment, furniture, fixtures or any other thing of value.

19 A brewery qualifying under G.S. 18B-1104(7) to act as a wholesaler or retailer  
20 of its own malt beverages is not subject to the provisions of this subsection concerning  
21 financial interests in, and lending or giving things of value to, a wholesaler or retailer  
22 with respect to the brewery's transactions with the retail business on its premises. The  
23 brewery is subject to the provisions of this subsection, however, with respect to its  
24 transactions with all other wholesalers and retailers."

25 Sec. 26. G.S. 105-113.68(a)(13) reads as rewritten:

26 "(13) 'Wholesaler or importer' when used with reference to wholesalers  
27 or importers of wine or malt beverages includes resident wineries  
28 that sell their wines at retail and resident breweries that produce  
29 fewer than ~~62,000~~ 310,000 gallons of malt beverages per year."

30 Sec. 27. G.S. 18B-805(c)(2) reads as rewritten:

31 "(2) The local board shall spend for law enforcement an amount set by  
32 the board which shall be at least five percent (5%) of the gross  
33 receipts remaining after the distribution required by subdivision  
34 (1). The local board may contract with the ALE Division to provide  
35 the law enforcement required by this subdivision. Notwithstanding  
36 the provisions of any local act, this provision shall apply to all local  
37 boards."

38 Sec. 28. G.S. 18B-1303(b) reads as rewritten:

39 "(b) No Discrimination. – A wholesaler shall service all retail permit holders  
40 within his designated territory without discrimination and shall make a good faith effort  
41 to make available to each retail permit holder in the territory each brand of malt  
42 beverage which the wholesaler has been authorized to distribute in that area."

43 Sec. 29. G.S. 18B-604(b) reads as rewritten:

1       "(b) Effect of Favorable County Vote on City. – If a majority of voters vote in  
2 favor of certain alcoholic beverage sales in a county election, sale of that kind of  
3 alcoholic beverage shall be lawful throughout the county, regardless of the vote in any  
4 city at that or any previous or subsequent election, and regardless of any local act  
5 making sales unlawful in that city, unless the local act was ratified before the effective  
6 date of Article II, Section 24(1)(j) of the Constitution of North Carolina. A county malt  
7 beverage or unfortified [wine] election in favor of a particular ballot proposition which  
8 is more restrictive than the form of sale already allowed in a city within that county  
9 shall not affect the legality of those previously authorized sales in the city."

10           Sec. 30. Section 11 of this act becomes effective September 1, 1993, and  
11 applies to applications for ABC permits filed on or after that date. The remaining  
12 sections of this act are effective upon ratification.