

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**HOUSE BILL 610
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SEATING CAPACITY REQUIREMENT AND ELIMINATE THE POPULATION REQUIREMENT FOR IN-STAND SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES AND TO DIRECT THE ABC COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 18B-1009 reads as rewritten:

"§ 18B-1009. In-stand sales.

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a retail permittee from selling for consumption, malt beverages in the seating areas of stadiums, ballparks, and other similar public places with a seating capacity of ~~60,000~~3,000 or more during professional sporting events, ~~in municipalities with a population greater than 450,000, according to the most recent estimate of population made by the Office of State Budget and Management,~~ provided that:

- (1) The seating areas are designated as part of the retail permittee's licensed premises;
- (2) The retail permittee has notified the Commission, in writing, of its intent to sell malt beverages in the seating areas at sporting events;
- (3) Service of food and nonalcoholic beverages is available in the seating areas;
- (4) The retail permittee has certified to the Commission that it has trained its employees:
 - a. To identify underage persons and intoxicated persons; and
 - b. To refuse to sell malt beverages to those persons as required by G.S. 18B-305; and
- (5) The employees do not verbally shout or hawk the sale of malt beverages."

SECTION 2. The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission shall adopt rules for the suspension of alcohol sales in the latter portion of professional sporting events in order to protect public safety at these events.



SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of June, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2013