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**NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION ISSUES SUMMARY  
SUSPENSION OF ABC PERMITS AT JACKSONVILLE BUSINESS**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has suspended the ABC permits for a Jacksonville business, Champs Lounge. The suspension was served on December 5 and came as a result of a review of sworn statements submitted by Jacksonville Police Department (JPD) officers, a letter from the City of Jacksonville Director of Public Safety, as well as a voluntary statement from a gunshot wound victim.

Champs Lounge, at 93 Western Blvd, Suite E, Jacksonville, has held ABC permits since January 2016.

The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which states: "The proceedings shall be promptly commenced and determined."

This is the eighth summary suspension issued this year by the NC ABC Commission and is part of the Commission's ongoing focus on public health and public safety.

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

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