



## Alcoholic Beverage Control

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### **NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION APPROVES TWO NEW STORE LOCATIONS AND ADOPTS TTB POLICY REGARDING HEMP SEED/OIL**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission held its regular monthly meeting today and ratified 101 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$121,200 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due July 5, 2019, and suspensions begin July 12, 2019.

The Commission approved proposed new ABC store locations at:

- 260 Easy Street, Greenville, as requested by the Pitt County ABC Board
- 3136 East Tenth Street, Greenville, as requested by the Pitt County ABC Board

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Joshua W. Patton, Triumph Cocktails, LLC and Wooden Robot Brewery, LLC.

The Commission held a public hearing on a proposed permanent technical and other non-substantive changes to Subchapter 15A, Sections .0100 through .0800 of the Commission's Administrative Code regarding ABC Commission Governance.

The Commission considered proposing a permanent rule change, based on a General Rule Review, regarding Local ABC Board Administration - Chapter 15A, Sections .0900 through .1400 Rules. The proposed rules will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings for publication in the NC Register.

The US Department of the Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) recently issued a policy guideline regarding alcohol beverage products containing the ingredients hemp seed and hemp seed oil. (TTB Industry Circular 2019-1). The information, based on the congressional 2018 Farm Bill law, preserves the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulatory authority over hemp ingredients. Until corresponding state laws are passed, the NC ABC Commission adopted a policy that replicates the federal policy.

#### **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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