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NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION RATIFIES 62 VIOLATION CASES AT ITS JANUARY MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission held its regular monthly meeting today and ratified 62 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$74,000 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due February 9, 2018, and suspensions begin February 16, 2018.

The Commission approved two exemption requests from 18B-1116(b). One request allows Berkshire Hathaway to have ownership interests in a beer distributor as well as being an investor in a retailer that sells beer. The Commission allowed the request on the condition that the wholesaler, Empire Distributors, does not sell to the retailer PFJ Southeast, LLC. The second exemption the Commission granted was to Jeremy Norris and Shelly Norris, a husband and wife who separately own a distillery and a business with retail permits, Broadslab Distillery and the Barn at Broadslab.

The Commission also held a public hearing on proposed temporary auction sales of certain alcoholic beverages rules (14B NCAC 15A.2201-.2205). Following the hearing, the Commission adopted the temporary rules related to auction sales and also adopted the permanent off-site storage rule (Rule 14B NCAC 15C.0505).

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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