



CHAPTER 18B
ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

N.C.G.S. § 18B-103.

Exemptions.

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All of the following activities shall be permitted:

The use of ethyl alcohol for scientific, chemical, pharmaceutical, mechanical, and industrial purposes.

The use of ethyl alcohol by persons authorized to obtain it tax free, as provided by federal law.

The use of ethyl alcohol in the manufacture and preparation of any product unfit for use as a beverage.

The use of alcoholic beverages by licensed physicians, druggists, or dental surgeons for medicinal or pharmaceutical purposes; or the use of alcoholic beverages by medical facilities established and maintained for the treatment of patients addicted to the use of alcohol or drugs.

The use of grain alcohol by college, university or State laboratories, and by manufacturers of medicine, for compounding, mixing, or preserving medicines or medical preparations, or for surgical purposes.

The manufacture, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of conducting scientific, chemical, pharmaceutical, mechanical, industrial, and educational research in connection with teaching, research, or extension programs conducted by, or under the supervision of, an instructor at an accredited community college, public or private college or university, or an extension agent in connection with educational programs and activities offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

The manufacture, importation, and possession of denatured alcohol produced and used as provided by federal law.

The manufacture or sale of cider or vinegar.

The possession and use of unfortified wine or fortified wine for sacramental purpose by any organized church or ordained minister, including in public school buildings when the use of those buildings is approved by the local school board.

The possession and use of alcohol acquired for controlled-drinking programs as authorized under G.S. 20-139.1(g).

The use of spirituous liquor in the manufacture of flavors or flavoring extracts that are unfit for beverage use.

Under the direct supervision of an instructor during a culinary class that is part of an established culinary curriculum at an accredited college or university, the delivery to or possession or consumption by a student who is less than 21 years of age, when the student is required to taste or imbibe the alcoholic beverage during a culinary class conducted pursuant to the curriculum.

The trade or exchange of lawfully purchased spirituous liquor if all of the following requirements are met:

- a. The transaction only involves the trade or exchange of lawfully purchased spirituous liquor for other lawfully purchased spirituous liquor.
- b. The trade or exchange is only between individuals, for personal use only, and not for resale.
- c. The spirituous liquor to be traded or exchanged is or has been approved by the Commission for sale in this State and is not unfit for human consumption.
- d. The spirituous liquor is not an antique spirituous liquor as that term is defined in G.S. 18B-101(5a).

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APPARATUS I
14 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1923	c. 1, ss. 4, 19, 20	ENACTED
02	C.S.	s. 3411(d), (s), (t)	RECODIFIED
03	1935	c. 1141	AMENDED
04	1971	c. 872, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1971	c. 1233	AMENDED
06	1981	c. 412, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1981	c. 747, s. 36	AMENDED

08	1981	1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1262, s. 3	AMENDED
09	1983	c. 435, s. 6	AMENDED
10	1985	c. 566, s. 2	AMENDED
11	1993	c. 127, s. 1	AMENDED
12	2004	S.L. 2004-199, s. 8	AMENDED
13	2009	S.L. 2009-539, s. 1	AMENDED
14	2021	S.L. 2021-150, s. 23.1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-139.1(g)	(null)(9)	<i>"for controlled-drinking programs as authorized under"</i>
G.S. 18B-101(5a)		<i>"as that term is defined in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-103 (2021).

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