



CHAPTER 18B

ARTICLE 2 - STATE ADMINISTRATION

N.C.G.S. § 18B-203.

Powers and duties of the Commission.

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§ 18B-203(a)

Powers. - The Commission shall have authority to:

- (1) Administer the ABC laws;
- (2) Provide for enforcement of the ABC laws, in conjunction with the ALE Division;
- (3) Set the prices of alcoholic beverages sold in local ABC stores as provided in Article 8;
- (4) Require reports and audits from local boards as provided in G.S. 18B-205;
- (5) Determine what brands of alcoholic beverages may be sold in this State;
- (6) Contract for State ABC warehousing, as provided in G.S. 18B-204;
- (7) Dispose of damaged alcoholic beverages, as provided in G.S. 18B-806;
- (8) Remove for cause any member or employee of a local board;
- (9) Supervise or disapprove purchasing by any local board and inspect all records of purchases by local boards;
- (10) Approve or disapprove rules adopted by any local board;
- (11) Approve or disapprove the opening and location of ABC stores, as provided in Article 8;
- (12) Issue ABC permits, and impose sanctions against permittees;
- (13) Provide for the testing of alcoholic beverages, as provided in G.S. 18B-206;

- (14) Fix the amount of bailment charges and bailment surcharges to be assessed on liquor shipped from a Commission warehouse;
- (15) Collect bailment charges and bailment surcharges from local boards;
- (16) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, enter into contracts for design and construction of a warehouse or warehouses and supervise work and materials used in the construction, as provided in G.S. 18B-204;
- (17) Provide for the distribution of spirituous liquor to: (i) installations of the Armed Forces of the United States within this State for resale on the installation; (ii) the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for resale on Indian Country lands within this State under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and (iii) to the Catawba Indian Nation for resale on Indian Country lands within the State under the jurisdiction of the Catawba Indian Nation.
- (18) Provide for the distribution and posting of warning signs to local ABC boards regarding the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy as required under G.S. 18B-808;
- (19) Recognize the holder of a wine importer permit or nonresident wine vendor permit as a primary American source of supply for the wine of a winery. To be considered a primary American source of supply, a wine importer must establish that it has lawfully purchased the wine from the winery, or from an agent of the winery, and by written contract or otherwise has been authorized by the winery to distribute the wine to wholesalers in the United States.
- (20) Promulgate rules to establish performance standards for local boards. Performance standards established pursuant to this subdivision shall include, but not be limited to, standards that address enforcement of ABC laws, store appearance, operating efficiency, solvency, and customer service.
- (21) Promulgate rules to establish mandatory training requirements for local board members, finance officers, and general managers. If personal attendance is required, the Commission shall not require more than four hours of training and shall provide up to two hours of training at convenient locations around the State in conjunction with ethics training.
- (22) Provide for the purchase of spirituous liquor from another ABC board by mixed beverage permittees when an ABC system becomes insolvent, closes, or is closed by the Commission and the county or municipality in which the system is located has approved the sale of mixed beverages.

(23) Provide for a method for permittees and applicants to establish compliance with all local ordinances, and State and federal laws.

§ 18B-203(b)

Implied Powers. - The Commission shall have all other powers which may be reasonably implied from the granting of the express powers stated in subsection (a), or which may be incidental to, or convenient for, performing the duties given to the Commission.

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41 ACTS

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01	1937	c. 49, s. 4	ENACTED
02	1937	cc. 237, 411	AMENDED
03	1945	c. 954	AMENDED
04	1949	c. 974, s. 9	AMENDED
05	1961	c. 956	AMENDED
06	1963	c. 426, s. 12	AMENDED
07	1963	c. 916, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1963	c. 1119, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1965	c. 1063	AMENDED
10	1965	c. 1102, s. 3	AMENDED
11	1967	c. 222, s. 2	AMENDED
12	1967	c. 1240, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1971	c. 872, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1973	c. 28	AMENDED
15	1973	c. 473, s. 1	AMENDED

16	1973	c. 476, s. 133	AMENDED
17	1973	c. 606	AMENDED
18	1973	c. 1288, s. 1	AMENDED
19	1973	cc. 1369, 1396	AMENDED
20	1975	cc. 240, 453, 640	AMENDED
21	1977	c. 70, ss. 15.1, 15.2, 16	AMENDED
22	1977	c. 176, ss. 2, 6	AMENDED
23	1977	2nd Sess., c. 1138, ss. 3, 4, 18	AMENDED
24	1979	c. 384, s. 1	AMENDED
25	1979	c. 445, s. 5	AMENDED
26	1979	c. 482	AMENDED
27	1979	c. 801, s. 4	AMENDED
28	1981	c. 412, s. 2	AMENDED
29	1981	c. 747, s. 38	AMENDED
30	1981	1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1285, s. 2	AMENDED
31	1987	c. 136, s. 1	AMENDED
32	2003	S.L. 2003-339, s. 1	AMENDED
33	2006	S.L. 2006-227, s. 10	AMENDED
34	2010	S.L. 2010-122, s. 4	AMENDED
35	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 19.1(q)	AMENDED
36	2011	S.L. 2011-183, s. 20	AMENDED
37	2011	S.L. 2011-333, s. 2	AMENDED
38	2014	S.L. 2014-100, s. 17.1(xxx)	AMENDED
39	2019	S.L. 2019-203, s. 9(a)	AMENDED
40	2024	S.L. 2024-41, s. 22(c)	AMENDED
41	2025	S.L. 2025-51, s. 4(a)	AMENDED

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. 18B-205	(a)(4)	"from local boards as provided in"
G.S. 18B-204	(a)(6)	"State ABC warehousing, as provided in"
G.S. 18B-806	(a)(7)	"damaged alcoholic beverages, as provided in"
G.S. 18B-206	(a)(13)	"of alcoholic beverages, as provided in"
G.S. 18B-808	(a)(18)	"consumption during pregnancy as required under"

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