



CHAPTER 18B
ARTICLE 2 - STATE ADMINISTRATION

N.C.G.S. § 18B-204.

State warehouse.

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§ 18B-204(a) Contracting for Private Warehouse. - The Commission shall provide for the receipt, storage, and distribution of spirituous liquor by one of the following methods:

- (1) By negotiated contract with a privately owned warehouse.
- (2) By negotiated contract with privately owned warehouses in several regions of the State. The Commission shall choose locations for the warehouses to promote efficient distribution of spirituous liquor to all local boards, to maintain control of that liquor, and to insure the Commission's supervision of warehousing procedures.
- (3) By the construction of a warehouse, and by contracting for receipt, storage and distribution of spirituous liquor by an independent contractor, by negotiated contract or by the use of procedures for purchase and contract by State agencies, for the operation of that warehouse.

§ 18B-204(a1) Distribution of Spirituous Liquor; No Discrimination. - The Commission shall make a good-faith effort, without discrimination, to make all spirituous liquor distributed by the Commission available to all local boards. The Commission shall adopt rules regarding the ordering of spirituous liquor by local boards and may suspend distribution to a local board of any limited product required to be recorded pursuant to subsection (a3) of this section for a violation of any rule concerning the ordering of the limited product.

§ 18B-204(a2) Providing Ordering Advantage Prohibited. - A contractor that has entered into a contract pursuant to this section shall not directly or indirectly provide information to

a local board which gives any advantage to one board over another board concerning product selection, availability, or otherwise obtaining spirituous liquor distributed by the Commission. Any violation of this subsection by the contractor, an employee of the contractor, or any person working in concert with the contractor shall be grounds for the Commission to terminate the contract.

§ 18B-204(a3)

Limited Product Record Required; Transparency. - The Commission shall maintain a record of all products that the Commission either (i) limits distribution of due to limited availability or (ii) allocates the distribution of to local boards. The record shall be updated at least monthly and made available to all local boards and shall include the following for all limited distribution or allocated products received by the Commission:

- (1) The product code number.
- (2) The brand name.
- (3) The quantity received by the Commission.
- (4) The date received by the Commission.
- (5) The name of each local board that received the product, the date each local board received the product, and the quantity each local board received.

§ 18B-204(b)

Audits and Inspections. - Contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall provide all of the following:

- (1) That an annual audited financial statement be prepared and submitted to the Commission by the person contracting with the Commission.
- (2) That all warehouse records be available for inspection at all times by the Commission and the Department of Revenue.
- (3) That all warehouse accounts relating to the receipt, storage, or distribution of spirituous liquor be subject to audit by the State Auditor.

§ 18B-204(c)

Emergency or Temporary Operation. - If the independent operator of a warehouse changes, or if some other occurrence results in substantially impeded distribution of spirituous liquor from a warehouse, the Commission may operate that warehouse on an interim emergency or temporary basis.

§ 18B-204(d)

Rules. - The Commission may adopt rules regarding warehouse operations, and violations of those rules by a party with whom the Commission contracts shall be

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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
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14	1973	c. 28	AMENDED
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18	1973	c. 1288, s. 1	AMENDED
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25	1979	c. 445, s. 5	AMENDED
26	1979	c. 482	AMENDED
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