



CHAPTER 18B

ARTICLE 3 - SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION

N.C.G.S. § 18B-300.

Purchase, possession and consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine.

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§ 18B-300(a) Generally. - Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the purchase, consumption, and possession of malt beverages and unfortified wine by individuals 21 years old and older for their own use is permitted without restriction.

§ 18B-300(a1) Consumption on Premises During Time of Permit Revocation or Suspension. - It shall be unlawful to consume or for a permittee or his agent or employee to allow the consumption of malt beverages or unfortified wine on the premises of any business during the period of time that any on-premises permit issued to the business authorizing the sale and consumption of malt beverages or unfortified wine has been suspended or revoked by the Commission. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply to the premises upon which the business was located at the time the permit was suspended or revoked if the business ceases to operate in that location and the owner of the property is not the permittee, provided that the permittee is not engaged in any other business or other activity on the premises during the period of suspension or revocation.

§ 18B-300(b) Consumption at Off-Premises Establishment. - It shall be unlawful to consume, or for a permittee to allow the consumption of, malt beverages or unfortified wine on any premises having only an off-premises permit for the kind of alcoholic beverage being consumed.

§ 18B-300(c) Local Ordinance. - A city or county may by ordinance:

- (1) Regulate or prohibit the consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine on the public streets in that city or county by persons who are not occupants of motor vehicles and on property owned, occupied, or controlled by that city or county;
- (2) Regulate or prohibit the possession of open containers of malt beverages and unfortified wine on public streets in that city or county by persons who are not occupants of motor vehicles and on property owned, occupied, or controlled by that city or county; and
- (3) Regulate or prohibit the possession of malt beverages and unfortified wine on public streets, alleys, or parking lots which are temporarily closed to regular traffic for special events.

For the purposes of this subsection, an open container means a container whose seal has been broken or a container other than the manufacturer's unopened original container. As provided by G.S. 18B-102(a), possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is unlawful except as authorized by the ABC law.

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APPARATUS I
15 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1939	c. 158, s. 503	ENACTED
02	1971	c. 872, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1973	c. 1452, ss. 1-3	AMENDED
04	1977	c. 176, ss. 2, 3	AMENDED
05	1977	c. 693	AMENDED
06	1979	c. 19, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1979	c. 445, s. 4	AMENDED
08	1979	c. 893, s. 11	AMENDED

09	1981	c. 412, s. 2	AMENDED
10	1983	c. 435, s. 32	AMENDED
11	1985	c. 141, s. 1	AMENDED
12	1995	c. 144, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1995	c. 366, s. 2	AMENDED
14	2001	S.L. 2001-79, s. 1	AMENDED
15	2013	S.L. 2013-392, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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-102(a)	(c)	"unopened original container. As provided by"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-300 (2013).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-300(a) (2013).

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