



CHAPTER 18B
ARTICLE 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT

N.C.G.S. § 18B-502.

Inspection of licensed premises.

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- § 18B-502(a)

Authority. - To procure evidence of violations of the ABC law, alcohol law-enforcement agents, employees of the Commission, local ABC officers, and officers of local law-enforcement agencies that have contracted to provide ABC enforcement under G.S. 18B-501(f) shall have authority to investigate the operation of each licensed premises for which an ABC permit has been issued, to make inspections that include viewing the entire premises, and to examine the books and records of the permittee. The inspection authorized by this section may be made at any time it reasonably appears that someone is on the premises. Alcohol law-enforcement agents are also authorized to be on the premises to the extent necessary to enforce the provisions of Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. For purposes of this subsection, the phrase "licensed premises for which an ABC permit has been issued" includes a social district authorized under G.S. 18B-300.1 and an extended area authorized under G.S. 18B-904(h).
- § 18B-502(b)

Interference with Inspection. - Refusal by a permittee or by any employee of a permittee to permit officers to enter the premises to make an inspection authorized by subsection (a) shall be cause for revocation, suspension or other action against the permit of the permittee as provided in G.S. 18B-104. It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to resist or obstruct an officer attempting to make a lawful inspection under this section.
- § 18B-502(c)

Notice to Permit Holders. - If the Commission receives a report from a law enforcement agency other than the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement of the Department of Public Safety or a local ABC officer documenting violations of this

Chapter or Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for conduct occurring on the premises of a permitted establishment, the Commission shall send notice of the alleged violation to the holder of the permit within five business days of receipt of the law enforcement agency report. The written notice shall identify the currently alleged violations and the involved employee. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent or limit the Commission from taking any additional action warranted by the circumstances of the violation.

END OF SECTION TEXT

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

APPARATUS I
21 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1939

1982

2025

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1939	c. 158, s. 514	ENACTED
02	1943	c. 400, s. 6	AMENDED
03	1949	c. 974, ss. 11, 14	AMENDED
04	1949	c. 1251, s. 4	AMENDED
05	1951	c. 1056, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1951	c. 1186, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
07	1953	c. 1207, ss. 2-4	AMENDED
08	1957	c. 1440	AMENDED
09	1961	c. 645	AMENDED
10	1963	c. 426, ss. 1, 2, 4, 5, 12	AMENDED
11	1967	c. 868	AMENDED
12	1971	c. 872, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1977	c. 70, s. 17	AMENDED
14	1981	c. 412, s. 2	AMENDED
15	1993	c. 539, s. 313	AMENDED
16	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED

17	1998	S.L. 1998-212, s. 19.11(f)	AMENDED
18	2021	S.L. 2021-150, s. 22.1	AMENDED
19	2022	S.L. 2022-49, s. 3(a)	AMENDED
20	2024	S.L. 2024-41, s. 19(a)	AMENDED
21	2025	S.L. 2025-51, s. 5	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
4 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. 18B-501(f)	(a)	"contracted to provide ABC enforcement under"
G.S. 18B-300.1	(a)	"includes a social district authorized under"
G.S. 18B-904(h)	(a)	"and an extended area authorized under"
G.S. 18B-104	(b)	"of the permittee as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-502 (2025).

PINPOINT
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-502(a) (2025).

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