



ABC &-NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards

HB4 to Senate Floor in the Next Week

House Bill 4 (Extend ABC Permit Renewal Fee Deferral) arrived in the Senate by special messenger last Thursday, indicating the bill is on the fast track the day it passed 116-1 in the House.

The bill quickly navigated the Senate Rules & Operation Committee before arriving in the Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee for a voice vote after a technical amendment was approved on Thursday morning.

The bill gets a Senate Rules Committee hearing on Monday at 5PM and upon passage will likely get calendared for a Senate floor vote on Tuesday or Wednesday.

HB4 alters a 2020 law that allows ABC permittees to defer their permit fees for 90 days after an executive order is issued. HB4 delays permit fees until an executive order is rescinded.

"We appreciate the work of the Senate in expediting this legislation," said NCAACB President Miles Davis. "Our Association is in full support of the bill and the relief it gives."

On Thursday, HB73 | Temporarily Waive ABC Permit Renewal Fees was filed by House ABC Chair Tim Moffitt. This e-newsletter will have more on this legislation in next week's *ABC E-News*.

Association Publishes 2021-22 Legislative Priorities

With the General Assembly in session for over a month, and legislative activity hitting its stride, the NC Association of ABC Boards released its 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities this week.

The priorities are categorized into three areas:

EDUCATION: Work with legislators and educate the public about the North Carolina ABC System and its value in communities.
LOCAL CONTROL: Ensure continuation of the current ABC System of local control.
INNOVATION: North Carolina Association of ABC Boards supports modernization within the current ABC system to suit the modern consumer.

"This document will be shared with all 170 legislators, including the executive branch, and will serve as a resource for them as they consider alcohol-related legislation this session," said NCAACB President Miles Davis. "Internally, we will use these priorities to guide our positions on proposed legislation and policy proposals over this biennium."

The publication also includes the mission of the NCAACB:

- (a) strive to assure that the sale of alcoholic beverages is handled in a responsible and controlled manner, and that sales are made only to those individuals legally entitled to make such purchases;
- (b) to foster good relations among the local ABC Boards and with other entities by providing education and information on ABC issues;
- (c) to promote customer-friendly, modern, and efficient stores;
- (d) to assist local ABC Boards in managing their resources in order to enhance their operations and maximize the revenues that they distribute to their local governmental bodies; and
- (e) to work with governmental agencies to preserve and improve the state's ABC system.

[Click here to view the 2021-2022 NCAACB Legislative Priorities.](#)



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