



# ABC &-NEWS

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

## General Managers Meeting on Tuesday



The NCAACB General Managers Meeting was held virtually on Tuesday. The managers were briefed on the activities of NCAACB, including legislative work at the General Assembly.

## ABC Legislation Round-Up



**HB 11 REGULATE ALCOHOL CONSUMABLES** (Boles) passed the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, the House Rules Committee on Wednesday, and the entire House on Thursday. NCAACB supports the bill.

**HB 328 (Moffitt) ALLOW TRADE OR EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR** passed the House ABC Committee on Wednesday and is now in the House Rules Committee.

NCAACB has no position on the bill.

## Governor's Executive Orders Continues Mixed Drinks To-Go

Under Executive Order 205, North Carolina establishments holding certain permits from the ABC Commission, including restaurants, hotels, private clubs, private bars, and some distilleries, will continue to be allowed to sell mixed beverages to-go or for delivery.



Governor Roy Cooper issued the executive order on Tuesday and received a concurrence vote by the Council of State, which was required. The Governor also issued two other executive orders on Tuesday addressing residential evictions and unemployment insurance.

The mixed beverages to-go order comes on the heels of Executive Order 204, which eased COVID-19 gathering restrictions in bars and restaurants and allows the sale of alcohol until 2AM. Executive Order 204 went into effect on March 26.

Executive Order 205 is an extension of Executive Order 183 issued on December 21, 2020. Under this Order, the Governor authorizes and instructs the Chair of the ABC Commission to allow certain Permitted Sellers, including restaurants, hotels, private clubs, private bars, and holders of distillery permits to sell mixed beverages to-go, with limitations.

The NC Association of ABC Boards is officially neutral on the executive order, but has expressed concerns about public safety, including underage access to alcohol. "We are living in extraordinary times and we know Governor Cooper and the Council of State are doing all they can to provide a financial lifeline to our bars and restaurants," said NCAACB President Miles Davis. "We look forward to returning to ordinary times when our restaurants and bars are at full capacity."

Click [here](#) to read more about Executive 205 (and Executive Order 183).

### E-Newsletter Pauses for General Assembly Spring Break

The NC General Assembly is on recess the week of April 5-9 to commemorate the Easter holiday and to give legislators an opportunity to take a Spring Break before the budget marathon begins.

This e-newsletter will also pause for the break and will resume on April 16. The [NCAACB Twitter page](#) will continue to post daily during the break.