



ABC &-NEWS

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

ABC Bill on Gov's Desk

The General Assembly approved HB73 (Temporarily Waive ABC Permit Renewal Fees) that gives ABC permit holders until October 1 to pay certain renewal fees active for the period of May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022.

NCAACB supported the bill as it would help many ABC Board customers during a hard economic period caused by COVID-19.

The House voted 109-1 this week after the Senate approved the compromise 41-0 in late July.

The initial House version of the bill would have waived the fees altogether but the Senate made changes to the bill.

The bill also would set April 30, 2022, as the deadline for making permit payments before the permit could be canceled for non-payment.

HB73 would cover 13 types of permits: on-premises malt beverage; on-premises unfortified wine; on-premises fortified wine; mixed beverages; culinary; mixed beverages catering; guest room cabinet; wine tasting; wine shop; malt beverage tasting; spirituous liquor tasting; antique spirituous liquor; and common area entertainment.

Mecklenburg County ABC Boards Giving Back

The Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board announced \$788,802 in grants to 17 local non-profit organizations in the Charlotte area in support of the education, prevention, treatment and research of alcohol and substance abuse.



"The Mecklenburg County ABC Board is so incredibly proud to support these organizations and their transformational missions to educate, prevent, treat and research alcohol and substance abuse within our community," Keva Walton, CEO of the Mecklenburg County ABC Board, said. "I also want to personally thank the community-based program evaluators who brought a wealth of knowledge, expertise and diversity to this year's vetting process."

Since 1947, the Mecklenburg ABC Board has invested over \$100 million into local non-profits whose missions support alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

See below for a breakdown of this year's grant award recipients:

The Small Grant Program allows smaller non-profits the opportunity to receive a grant and create a new partnership with the ABC Board: Supportive Housing Communities; Hope Haven, Inc.; Thompson Child & Family Focus and Smith Family Wellness Center; The Relatives Inc. and Florence Crittenton Services, Inc.; Teen Health Connection, Inc.; Care Ring; Fashion & Compassion; Safe Alliance; Roof Above; Charlotte Rescue Mission (Recovery Program and Community Matters Café Life-skills Training Program); The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.; Dilworth Center (Enhanced Family Program and Outcomes Measurement Program); Mental Health America of Central Carolinas.

"The Association is proud of the work of the Mecklenburg County ABC Board, both in providing quality services and products inside the store and reinvesting proceeds in the community," said NCAACB President Miles Davis. "Helping to protect communities while supporting those in need is what makes the North Carolina ABC system so important. I look forward to sharing more stories like this with legislators, policymakers, and the public."