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S 607. SPORTS CLUB ABC PERMITS. *TO AUTHORIZE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION TO ISSUE PERMITS TO SPORTS CLUBS.* Adds GS 18B-603(f)(8) to allow the commission to grant an on-premises malt beverage permit, an on-premises unfortified wine permit, an on-premises fortified wine permit, or a mixed beverages permit to a sports club without approval at an election. Adds new GS 18B-305(c) to prohibit a permittee from refusing to sell alcoholic beverages to a person solely based on the person's race, religion, color, national origin, or disability.

Intro. by Ballance.

Ref. to Commerce

GS 18B

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S 607. ABC PERMITS MODIFICATIONS. Intro. 3/29/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Completely replaces original bill with AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION TO ISSUE CERTAIN PERMITS. Retains provisions of original bill concerning non-discrimination in sale of alcoholic beverages. Authorizes issuance of specific ABC permits under special circumstances as follows:

Historic ABC establishments. Authorizes permits without an election for on-premises beer, wine, and mixed drinks in "historic ABC establishments," defined as a restaurant or hotel (a) on national register, (b) located on a State Route within 1.5 miles of scenic byway, (c) within 15 miles of national scenic highway, and (d) in county in which on-premises beer or unfortified wine is authorized in two or more cities.

National Historic Landmark District. Authorizes mixed-drink permits without an election for hotels and restaurants located in a National Historic Landmark located in county that (a) has approved beer and unfortified wine but not mixed drinks, (b) has at least one city with ABC stores and mixed drinks, and (c) has a population of at least 150,000.

Sports clubs in certain Atlantic Coast counties. Amends GS 18B-603(h) to extend privileges now available to "sports clubs" to those in counties bordering the Atlantic Ocean that permit sale of malt beverages on and off premises, sale of unfortified wine on and off premises, sale of mixed beverages, and ABC stores have been approved in at least eight cities therein.

Recreation districts. Amends GS 18B-1006(j) to extend privileges now available to any area of at least 150 acres that offers specified facilities and services and is located in a county that (a) borders another state, (b) contains part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and (c) has only one city with an ABC system and has authorized specified ABC sales.

Special ABC areas for Macon County. Deletes Macon from list of counties exempted from 1989 SL Ch. 629 concerning ABC permits in "special areas."

Interstate Interchange Economic Development Zones. Authorizes, under specific conditions, (1) beer, wine, and mixed-beverage permits without an election for hotels, restaurants and sports clubs, and (2) off-premises beer and wine permits for food businesses in counties that (a) have approved sale of wine and beer but not mixed-drinks, (b) contain one city that has approved sale of beer, wine, and mixed-drinks, (c) operates ABC stores, (d) lies south and west of the Roanoke River and (e) shares a common border with a county that meets criteria now specified for Interstate Interchange zones. Also contains provision applicable to certain other establishments.

Resident Private Club and Sports Club Permits. Adds provision extending privileges of this category of establishment to clubs in any county that (a) has an 18-hole golf course, (b) is in the coastal area only because it borders on a coastal sound, (c) does not have county-wide mixed-drinks, (d) does not border another state, (e) has a population of less than 15,000, (f) does not have a city that has authorized mixed drinks, and (g) has at least two cities with ABC systems.

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S 607. ABC PERMIT MODIFICATIONS. Intro. 3/29/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Inserts wording inadvertently omitted from House committee substitute. As amended, the bill authorizes issuance of mixed-beverage permits to qualified establishments located within one mile of interstate highway interchange located in county that (1) has approved sale of beer and wine but not mixed beverages, (2) contains one city that has approved beer,

wine, and mixed-beverages, (3) operates ABC stores, and (4) lies south and west of the Roanoke River and shares a common border with a county that qualifies under GS 18B-1006(m)(1).