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H 1088. ABC AMENDMENTS (NEW). Intro. 4/11/01. Senate committee substitute adopted 9/24/02 replaces original bill with one entitled "*TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAWS.*" Rewrites GS 18B-603(f) to authorize the ABC Comm'n, without approval at an election, to issue permits for on-premises fortified wine and mixed beverages for a tourism ABC establishment. (Previously the authority extended only to on premises malt beverages and unfortified wine.) Rewrites GS 18B-1006(m) to authorize the Comm'n to issue permits listed in GS 18B-1001, without election approval, to a restaurant located in a county that has not approved issuance of any permits, borders on one of the two largest counties in the state, has a federal interstate highway running through it, and has at least six cities that have approved the sale of some malt beverages and unfortified wine and four of which have approved ABC systems. Rewrites GS 18B-101(14b) to include within the definition of "tourism resort" any restaurant and lodging facility, public or private, owned and operated as a resort property offering food, beverage, lodging, and meeting facilities to travelers and tourists and from which are initiated outdoor recreational activities featuring water-related sports and bicycling. Rewrites the definition of "tourism ABC establishment" in GS 18B-101(14a) to include a restaurant or hotel located in an area of a district established for fire protection purposes where mixed beverages have been approved by two or more municipalities in the district, all located in a county that borders on the Atlantic Ocean. Deletes part of the definition of "special ABC area" in GS 18B-101(13a). Adds to GS 18B-1000(8) an additional category of establishment that satisfies the definition of "sports club." Adds to GS 18B-1000(1a) a narrowly defined category of privately owned establishment that satisfies the definition of "convention center."

Senate committee substitute adopted 9/25/02 deletes provisions rewriting GS 18B-1006(m), GS 18B-101(14b), and GS 18B-101(13a), described in preceding paragraph; and changes effective date to December 1, 2002.