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**H 1319. MERGER REQUIRED—UNPROFITABLE ABC STORES.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO REQUIRE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARDS THAT ARE UNPROFITABLE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO MERGE WITH ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD AND REQUIRE ABC STORES THAT ARE UNPROFITABLE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO BE CLOSED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.*

Amends GS 18B-703, (merger of local ABC operations), and GS 18B-801, (location, opening, and closing of stores), as the title indicates. Provides that in the event of a required merger of a local alcoholic beverage control board that has been unprofitable for two consecutive years, if the required merger is not accepted by the city governing board or board of county commissioners, then the NC ABC Commission (Commission) will merge the boards. Provides that in the event an ABC store is unprofitable for two consecutive years, the local board is to close the store or the Commission will order the local board to close the store. Effective October 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Starnes.**

GS 18B