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HOUSE BILL DRH10267-ML-146A (03/16)

Short Title: ABC Sales/Sports & Entertainment Venues. (Public) Representatives Dulin and Zachary (Primary Sponsors). Sponsors: Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ABC LAWS GOVERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-1009 reads as rewritten: "§ 18B-1009. In-stand sales. Construction. - Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a retail permittee from selling for consumption, malt consumption alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold under the applicable permit in the seating areas of stadiums, ballparks, and other similar public places sports and entertainment venues with a seating capacity of 3,000 or more during professional sporting events, events held at the venue, provided that: that all of the following requirements are met: (1) The seating areas are designated as part of the retail permittee's licensed premises; premises. (2) The retail permittee has notified the Commission, in writing, of its intent to sell malt-alcoholic beverages in the seating areas at sporting events; and entertainment events. Service of food and nonalcoholic beverages is available in the seating (3) areas; areas. The retail permittee has certified to the Commission that it has trained its (4) employees: employees to do both of the following: To identify underage persons and intoxicated persons; and persons. a. To refuse to sell malt_alcoholic_beverages to those persons as b. required by G.S. 18B-305; and G.S. 18B-305. (5) The employees do not verbally shout or hawk the sale of malt-alcoholic beverages. Suspension of Sales. - The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (b) Commission shall adopt rules for the suspension of alcohol sales in the latter portion of professional sporting and entertainment events in order to protect public safety at these events. Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section: (c) Premises. - Includes all areas where the owner of the sports and (1) entertainment venue has control of the property through a lease, deed, or other legal process. Sports and entertainment venue. – Stadiums, ballparks, and other similar **(2)** public places."



SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.