GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 536, “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN EXISTING ESTABLISHMENTS TO OFFER AND OPERATE OUTDOOR DINING AND BEVERAGE SERVICE OPTIONS WHILE ALSO SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).”

State and local government leaders must be able to act quickly during the COVID-19 Emergency to prevent a surge in cases that could overwhelm hospitals and harm the public. House Bill 536 would limit the ability of leaders to respond quickly to COVID-19 and hamper efforts to protect the health and safety of every North Carolinian.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 5 day of June 2020, at 4:06 pm for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires upon the later of (i) 30 days after any declaration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions applicable expire or are otherwise terminated to permit the establishment to open for full unrestricted service of food and drink or (ii) October 31, 2020.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of May, 2020.

[Signature]
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved ________ m. this __________ day of ______________, 2020