



City of Greensboro

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Legislation Text

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Resolution in Support of the Current Alcohol and Beverage Commission (ABC) Control System for the Sale of Liquor in Greensboro, North Carolina

Department: Legislative
Council District: All

Public Hearing: n/a
Advertising Date/By: n/a

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PURPOSE:

To show support by the Greensboro City Council to retain North Carolina's current control system for the sale of liquor and to show the City Council believes that privatization of liquor will lead to adverse effects.

BACKGROUND:

The citizens of the City of Greensboro voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors.

With the introduction of House Bill 971 (Modern Licensure Model for Alcohol Control) filed on April 25, 2019, this bill privatizes the retail sale and wholesale distribution of liquor, allows a minimum of 1,500 permits to be issued to any business that sells food (grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, variety stores, etc.) or to any "retail business", with additional numbers of permits available for issuance based on population growth, with retail liquor sales authorized between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 a.m., seven (7) days a week, and with those businesses allowed to ship liquor directly to individuals in or out of the State.

The citizens of the City of Greensboro, in voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in private retail liquor stores and did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in retail outlets where beer and wine are sold. Additionally, the citizens of the City of Greensboro, in voting to permit the operations of ABC stores, did not vote for ABC store to operate on Sundays, and did not vote for ABC stores to sell spirituous liquors nineteen hours daily from 7:00 am to 2:00 am.

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to consider adoption of this resolution in support of the current ABC Control System for the sale of liquor.