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**SENATE BILL 445
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Short Title: ABC Permit Issuance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brock (Primary Sponsor) (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Commerce.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY PERSON ISSUED AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
3 PERMIT BE LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES; TO PREVENT THE
4 ABC COMMISSION FROM ISSUING A SPECIAL ONETIME PERMIT TO ANY
5 PERSON LESS THAN TEN BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE PLANNED EVENT; AND
6 TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF ALL
7 SPECIAL ONETIME PERMITS ISSUED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS OF THE
8 PERMIT'S ISSUANCE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-900(a) reads as rewritten:

11 "(a) Requirements. – To be eligible to receive and to hold an ABC permit, a person
12 shall:

- 13 (1) Be at least 21 years old, unless the person is a manager of a business selling
14 only malt beverages and unfortified wine, in which case the person shall be
15 at least 19 years old;
- 16 (2) Be a resident of North Carolina unless:
- 17 a. He is an officer, director or stockholder of a corporate applicant or
18 permittee and is not a manager or otherwise responsible for the
19 day-to-day operation of the business; or
- 20 b. He has executed a power of attorney designating a qualified resident
21 of this State to serve as attorney in fact for the purposes of receiving
22 service of process and managing the business for which permits are
23 sought; or
- 24 c. He is applying for a nonresident malt beverage vendor permit, a
25 nonresident wine vendor permit, or a vendor representative permit;
- 26 (3) Not have been convicted of a felony within three years, and, if convicted of a
27 felony before then, shall have had his citizenship restored;
- 28 (4) Not have been convicted of an alcoholic beverage offense within two years;
- 29 (5) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor controlled substance offense
30 within two years; and
- 31 (6) Not have had an alcoholic beverage permit revoked within three years,
32 except where the revocation was based solely on a permittee's failure to pay
33 the annual registration and inspection fee required in G.S. 18B-903(b1).
- 34 (7) Not have, whether as an individual or as an officer, director, shareholder or
35 manager of a corporate permittee, an unsatisfied outstanding final judgment
36 that was entered against him in an action under Article 1A of this Chapter.



1 (8) Have a valid social security number or be able to produce valid
2 documentation issued to the applicant under the authority of the United
3 States government demonstrating legal presence in the United States, unless
4 the applicant is otherwise eligible to apply for a permit under this Chapter
5 and is not present or residing in the United States.

6 To avoid undue hardship, however, the Commission may decline to take action under
7 G.S. 18B-104 against a permittee who is in violation of subdivisions (3), (4), or (5)."

8 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 18B-1002(d) reads as rewritten:

9 "(d) Administrative Procedure. – A permit issued pursuant to this section shall not be
10 issued less than 10 days before any qualifying event described in subdivisions (1) through (5)
11 of subsection (a) of this section. The Commission shall notify the ALE Division not more than
12 three business days after the date a permit is issued pursuant to this section of the name and
13 address of the applicant, the address of the event, and any conditions placed on the permit
14 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Denial or revocation of a permit under this section
15 shall not entitle the applicant or permittee to a hearing under Chapter 150B."

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to permits
17 issued on or after that date.