



# North Carolina Spirits Association

Legislative Report  
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The General Assembly officially began the work of the 2023 Session on Wednesday January 25. While legislators gathered a few weeks ago for a one-day session, that meeting was only an organizational one. On Wednesday, legislators were back in Raleigh to start work in earnest on issues important to their constituents.

House and Senate committee chairpersons and members have been announced for the session. Speaker Moore presented the House chairpersons with gavels during Wednesday's session. Those gavels will likely be used very soon in committee meetings since the filing period for bills began this week. At the end of this first week of business, the Senate has filed 29 bills and the House 23 bills.

Republicans in charge of both chambers are expected to grapple this year with key issues from 2022 that did not get resolved. That includes whether to accept Medicaid expansion, license sports gambling and legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Compared to the past four years, Cooper will have a harder time keeping his vetoes upheld during the upcoming session after Republicans gained a veto-proof majority in the Senate and are one seat short of the same majority in the House. His efforts to keep House Democrats united will be tested should Republicans advance new abortion restrictions since the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated federal abortion protections last June.

Passing a two-year state government budget also will be one of the Legislature's chief tasks for this year's work period, which usually ends in early summer.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, January 30, 2023.

## **Appointments to House Committees of Interest**

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control**

Chairs: John R. Bradford, III, Grey Mills, Shelly Willingham

Vice Chair: Ray Pickett

Members: Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., John R. Bell, IV, Kanika Brown, Allison A. Dahle, Jon Hardister, Marvin W. Lucas, Erin Paré, Joseph Pike, Caleb Rudow, Jason Saine, David Willis, Matthew Winslow, Michael H. Wray

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