



# North Carolina Spirits Association

Legislative Report  
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This was a very short week for activity at the General Assembly, and as you can see this is a very short Legislative Report.

There really was only minimal activity on Wednesday and Thursday before legislators who were in town headed home. Looking ahead to next week, there does not seem to be a lot of activity scheduled so far, but of course that could change at any moment. Much of the activity going on this week is behind closed doors with the Senate leadership working on their version of the State budget bill. The talk towards the end of the week speculated that the Senate could roll portions of their state budget proposal out to the appropriations subcommittees next week, with the full Senate considering their budget proposal the week of Memorial Day.

This is definitely the “lull before the storm”, and once the budget gets finalized and sent to Governor Cooper for his consideration, legislators, staff and lobbyists will be working frantically to get finished up for the Session.

The House and Senate both adjourned on Thursday and are scheduled to reconvene on Monday evening.

## BILL STATUS

**Senate Bill 290, Distiller Regulatory Reform Bill**, will most likely be scheduled for consideration in the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday May 22. We have been working with the bill sponsor, various stakeholders, and the proponents of the self-distribution provision for small distillers contained in Section 3 of the bill to see if a compromise can be reached that would address their concern without instituting broad self-distribution for a segment of the spirits industry. We continue to make progress towards that goal, and hope a compromise can be worked out in the near future.

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