



North Carolina Spirits Association

Legislative Report
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The legislature treated this week like the last week of session. The House and Senate held sessions late into the evening, in some cases close to midnight, in order to finish by Friday the “public” bills that they intend to pass this session. In some cases, committee meetings were announced on short notice and held during session recesses. The legislative plan was to get all bills subject to a Governor’s veto to Governor Roy Cooper by Friday, and then shut down most committee meetings. The Governor has 10 days within which to (1) sign them into law, (2) allow them to go into law without his signature, or (3) veto them. The legislature can then consider votes to override the Governor’s veto and still adjourn by June 30th.

Over the next 10 days, while waiting to see if any bills are vetoed that need a legislative override, the legislature will be considering local bills and bills proposing constitutional amendments, since these types of bills do not go to the Governor for his signature. There has also been some discussion that purely technical or noncontroversial “public” bills could be considered as well. There will continue to be lots of activity as the legislative session moves toward adjournment.

The House and Senate adjourned Friday evening for the week, and will not hold voting sessions on Monday. They will return Tuesday to resume business.

BILL STATUS

House Bill 500, ABC Omnibus Legislation was approved by the Senate Finance and Rules committees, passed the Senate, the House approved the Senate changes, the bill was ratified, and sent to the Governor for his consideration. There were two primary changes made this week, (1) the changes to the definition of “motion picture theater” were removed, and (2) the provision allowing alcohol sales on a state passenger ferry were removed. The provision allowing distillers, brokers and suppliers to sell branded merchandise such as glassware, cups, signs, t-shirts, hats, and other apparel at spirituous liquor tastings conducted under a spirituous liquor special event permit remained in the bill.

House Bill 573, Business/Regulatory Changes, was approved by the Senate, the Senate changes were approved by the House, the bill was ratified, and sent to the Governor for his consideration.

For more information about legislation described in the legislative reports, feel free to contact me at dferrell@nexsenpruet.com or (919) 573-7421. Information is also available on the General Assembly’s website: www.ncga.state.nc.us.

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