

ABC Bill Includes NCTIA Provisions

Sen. Tim Moffitt (R-Henderson/Polk/Rutherford) unveiled his ABC omnibus bill this week. The bill was for discussion-only in the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday and will likely get votes later in July.

NCTIA provisions in SB527 include language that more broadly defines a distillery estate and removal of the tour requirement in order to buy the distiller's spirits. The bill also directs the ABC Commission to treat multiple parcels with different addresses as a single premise if the parcels meet certain conditions.

For a detailed list of NCTIA provisions in the proposed ABC omnibus, email Vince Chelena.

Other provisions would allow expanded ABC Store hours and Sunday sales, to-go mixed drink sales would be made permanent, the allowance of two mixed drink orders at special events, and limited sales of distilled products near major events.

This e-newsletter will provide more analysis of the ABC omnibus bill after the holiday legislative recess July 3-7. NCTIA will not publish a newsletter on July 7 and will resume on July 14.

NCTIA Movie Bill on Governor's Desk

House Bill 782 (Code Exemption for Temp. Movie Sets) was given final floor votes in the Senate (45-0) and House (112-1) this past week and now sits on Governor Roy Cooper's desk awaiting his signature. He has until July 9 to sign, veto, or allow it to become law without his signature.

HB782 is sponsored by Rep. Tricia Cotham (R-Mecklenburg), Rep. Jason Saine (R-Lincoln), Rep. John Bradford (R-Mecklenburg), and Rep. Jeff Zenger (R-Forsyth).

After learning last week that a prospective long-term TV production has narrowed its selection to either Charlotte or another non-NC city, NCTIA lobbyists worked with legislators this past week to get the bill on a fast track for enactment, including getting the bill heard in the Senate Rules Committee this past Monday.

"Within a one week period, NCTIA moved this bill through two Senate committees unanimously, two floor votes in the Senate, and one final vote in the House," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "We are proud of our work and it is our hope that House Bill 782 lands us this TV project in Charlotte and countless others around the state."

Upon final passage in the House on Wednesday, Visit Charlotte Executive Director Mike Butts texted Chelena and NCTIA lobbyists Brian Lewis and Skye David. "NCTIA saved the film industry in Charlotte," he wrote.

Butts was referring to the many Charlotte productions disallowed from building film/TV sets in industrial buildings unless the sets comply with industrial building codes. HB782 exempts temporary film/TV sets in these building from the building code and is applicable statewide.

NCTIA also wishes to thank Commerce Committee Chair Todd Johnson (R-Union/Cabarrus), Rules Committee Chair Bill Rabon (R-Brunswick/Columbus/New Hanover), Sen. Steve Jarvis (R-Davidson), Land Use Committee Chair Mark Brody (R-Union/Anson), and Carl Gilmore, policy aide to Rep. Cotham.

"All of these legislators and staff worked closely with NCTIA and our bill sponsors to get this bill through crossover, heard in committees, and to Governor Cooper's desk," said Lewis. "They helped create thousands of jobs for North Carolina and we are greatly appreciative for their assistance."

