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NEW INTERACTIVE TOOL SHOWS HOW THE ABC SYSTEM GIVES BACK TO NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITIES

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has developed <u>an interactive map showing the revenue that the ABC system</u> <u>generates for the state and local communities</u>. Users can interact with cities and counties individually to see the positive impact the ABC system has on each location.

The 171 local ABC boards in North Carolina are established and operated with no state funds and are appointed by local governing authorities. The sale of spirituous liquor and fortified wine by the local ABC boards generates millions of dollars in recurring revenue for both the state's General Fund and the local cities and counties where the alcohol is sold. This ABC revenue makes a meaningful difference in communities large and small across North Carolina.

In the 2021 fiscal year, a record-setting \$617 million was reinvested in the General Fund, local alcohol law enforcement agencies, alcohol prevention / treatment / recovery programs, public service projects, local nonprofit organizations, and directly to city and county governments. This revenue provides local governments and nonprofit organizations the opportunity to embark on projects that best serve the specific needs of their communities.

ABC sales during the 2022 fiscal year continued to set new records. The NC ABC Commission will continue to update <u>the map</u> and looks forward to sharing the powerful impact that this significant revenue will have created for our state and local communities in 2022.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. http://abc.nc.gov.

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