

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 645  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/9/95

Short Title: ABC-Local Gov't Regulation.

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March 30, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY REGULATE THE  
2 POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON  
3 PUBLIC PROPERTY AND THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
4 ON PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, OR PARKING LOTS WHICH ARE  
5 TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO REGULAR TRAFFIC FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 18B-300(c) is repealed.

9 Sec. 2. Chapter 18B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
10 section to read:

11 "**§ 18B-300.1. Local ordinances regulating alcoholic beverages.**

12 A city or county may by ordinance:

13 (1) Regulate or prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the  
14 public streets of that city or county and on property owned, occupied, or  
15 controlled by that city or county.

16 (2) Regulate or prohibit the possession of open containers of alcoholic  
17 beverages on public streets of that city or county and on property  
18 owned, occupied, or controlled by that city or county.

1           (3) Regulate or prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages on public  
2           streets, alleys, or parking lots which are temporarily closed to regular  
3           traffic for special events.

4 For the purposes of this section, an open container means a container whose seal has been  
5 broken or a container other than the manufacturer's unopened original container."

6           Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.