

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-135  
HOUSE BILL 900**

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF "RESTAURANT" FOR ABC PERMITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-1000 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 18B-1000. Definitions concerning establishments.**

The following requirements and definitions shall apply to this Chapter:

- (6) Restaurant. – An establishment substantially engaged in the business of preparing and serving meals. To qualify as a restaurant, an establishment's gross receipts from food and nonalcoholic beverages shall be not less than ~~forty percent (40%)~~ thirty percent (30%) of the total gross receipts from food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages. A restaurant shall also have a kitchen and an inside dining area with seating for at least 36 people."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 11:28 p.m. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003