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**Giving NC Distilleries a Boost**

**Charlotte, NC-** This was a slow week at the General Assembly. The most important bills to reach the Senate were those returning for concurrence. This means that the bills already passed the Senate, went to the House, passed the House, and were sent back to the Senate with any changes the House made. If the Senate agrees with the changes, it votes to concur, and the bill goes to the Governor to sign and become law. If the Senate does not approve of the changes the House made, it votes not to concur, and the bill returns to the House.

One of our most anticipated bills this week was **Senate Bill 290: ABC Regulatory Reform Bill**, which returned to the Senate for concurrence. This bill expands the liberties of North Carolina distilleries, allowing them to serve and sell their products on-site (as breweries currently do), to host tastings at ABC stores. North Carolina breweries have grown tremendously by providing these services, and we hope to see the same with distilleries. The bill also will allow one customer to order two drinks at a time at bars, and allow farmers markets to hold beer tastings. “We expect this bill to jump start the growth of Charlotte’s multiple distilleries as they become better able to serve their customers.” said Senator Joyce Waddell.


The state budget continues to dominate headlines. The Governor vetoed the Senate budget saying it did not meet the needs of the state; it is now up to him and the Senate majority party to work out an agreement. Meanwhile, other bills will continue to go through. “I will continue to work for legislation favorable to all citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County,” said Senator Joyce Waddell.

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