

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-128  
HOUSE BILL 446**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL ABC BOARDS TO ENTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF ABC STORES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-703 is amended by adding a new subsection (h) to read:

"(h) Agreement for Joint Store Operations. – With the approval of the Commission, two or more governing bodies of counties and/or municipalities with ABC systems may enter into a written agreement whereby one or more ABC stores located within the counties and/or municipalities that are parties to the agreement shall be controlled and operated by the local ABC board specified in the agreement, even though said ABC store or stores are located outside the boundaries of the county or municipality of the local ABC board that will be operating the ABC store or stores that are subject to the agreement. The provisions of this section shall be effective as to such agreements insofar as is applicable. Issues not addressed in this section shall be negotiated by the parties, subject to the approval of the Commission."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 6:01 p.m. this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001