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SENATE BILL 770

Short Title:	Mixed Beverages Permit Fees/Reimburse Portion.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Garrett, Peterson, and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REIMBURSE A PORTION OF MIXED BEVERAGES PERMIT FEES PAID TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) COMMISSION TO PERMITTEES WHOSE BUSINESS WAS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Appropriation & Reimbursement. – Notwithstanding any provision of G.S. 18B-902 or G.S. 18B-903 to the contrary, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars ($1,600,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be used to provide a one-time reimbursement of mixed beverages permit fees paid under G.S. 18B-902(d) or G.S. 18B-903(b) to permittees with an active mixed beverages permit as of March 1, 2020. To the extent practicable, the amount reimbursed under this section shall only be a pro-rata share for the months of March, April, and May of the year 2020, of the amount paid for mixed beverages permit application or renewal fees. The Department of Public Safety may work with the ABC Commission and any other State agency or department it deems necessary to work with to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. Reversion. – The funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall not revert at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, but shall remain available to expend in accordance with this act until June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3. Report. – By October 1, 2020, the ABC Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on (i) the amount of funds reimbursed, (ii) the number of permittees reimbursed, (iii) the amount each permittee received as a reimbursement, and (iv) if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act were insufficient to provide a pro-rata share, the amount of funds needed to do so.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.