GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-167 SENATE BILL 814

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IN-STAND SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN STADIUMS, BALLPARKS, AND SIMILAR PUBLIC PLACES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 18B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 18B-1009. In-stand sales.

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a retail permittee from selling for consumption, malt beverages in the seating areas of stadiums, ballparks, and other similar public places with a seating capacity of 60,000 or more during professional sporting events, in municipalities with a population greater than 450,000, according to the most recent estimate of population made by the Office of State Budget and Management, provided that:

- (1) The seating areas are designated as part of the retail permittee's licensed premises;
- (2) The retail permittee has notified the Commission, in writing, of its intent to sell malt beverages in the seating areas at sporting events;
- (3) Service of food and nonalcoholic beverages is available in the seating areas;
- (4) The retail permittee has certified to the Commission that it has trained its employees:
 - <u>a.</u> <u>To identify underage persons and intoxicated persons; and</u>
 - b. To refuse to sell malt beverages to those persons as required by G.S. 18B-305; and
- (5) The employees do not verbally shout or hawk the sale of malt beverages."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives This bill having been presented to the Governor for his signature on the 30th day of May, 1997 and the Governor having failed to approve it within the time prescribed by law, the same is hereby declared to have become a law. This 10th day of June, 1997

s/ Tabatha L. Cruden, Enrolling Clerk