



# HOUSE BILL 1220: Amend Stedman Charter.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 12, 2026
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 1220 would repeal a provision of the Charter of the Town of Stedman and allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Town of Stedman was incorporated through Chapter 67 of the Private Laws of 1913. Section 8 of Chapter 67 of the Private Laws of 1913 provides that no alcoholic beverages may be manufactured or sold in the Town of Stedman.

G.S. 18B-604(b) provides that if the majority of voters in a county vote in favor of certain alcoholic beverage sales in a county election, the sale of those alcoholic beverages must be lawful throughout the entire county regardless of any previous or subsequent votes or local act that would otherwise prohibit the sale of alcohol in a municipality in that county, unless the local act was ratified before the effective date of Article II, Section 24(1)(j) of the North Carolina Constitution.

Cumberland County has approved the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages in the county. However, the Charter of the Town of Stedman predates the effective date of Article II, Section 24(1)(j) of the North Carolina Constitution and accordingly remains in effect.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1220 would repeal Section 8 of Chapter 67 of the Private Laws of 1913 and allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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