



HOUSE BILL 198: Amend Law on Notice of ABC Violation.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Alcoholic Beverage Control. If favorable, re-refer to Judiciary 1. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 5, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. Miller, Pyrtle	Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Committee Counsel
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H198-CSTQ-2		

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 198 would eliminate a requirement for alcohol law enforcement (ALE) agents and local alcoholic beverage control (ABC) officers to notify a permit holder of violations occurring on the permit holder's premises within five business days. The bill would instead require the ABC Commission to notify the permit holder within five business days of receiving a report from any law enforcement agency documenting violations occurring on the premises.*

The PCS makes the following changes from the First Edition:

- *Corrects the Short Title and Long Title to accurately reflect the contents of the PCS.*
- *Adds a catch-line to the subsection to conform with the rest of the section.*
- *Clarifies that the ABC Commission must notify the permit holder upon receiving a report from any law enforcement agency.*

CURRENT LAW AND BACKGROUND: Under current law, if an ALE agent or local ABC officer issues a citation to an employee of a permitted establishment who is not the named permit holder, for violations of criminal law or the ABC laws occurring on the premises, the agent or officer must notify the permit holder by certified mail or electronic means within five business days. If the ABC Commission receives a report from a law enforcement agency other than the ALE Division or a local ABC officer documenting violations occurring at a permitted establishment, the Commission must notify the permittee of the report within five business days.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 198 would eliminate the requirement for an ALE agent or local ABC officer to notify the permit holder of a violation within five business days. Instead, the ABC Commission would be required to notify the permit holder within five business days of receiving a report from any law enforcement agency, including the ALE Division, or a local ABC officer, documenting violations of the ABC laws or criminal laws on the permit holder's premises.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to violations committed on or after that date.

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