



DISCUSSION ITEM

ITEM NO. 6.

DATE OF MEETING: February 3, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Board of Commissioners

SHORT TITLE: Discussion of ABC Referendum.

BACKGROUND: At the request of the Town of Topsail Beach, the Board of Commissioners on October 21, 2013, adopted a resolution to hold a county referendum on May 6, 2014, through which it would be decided whether Pender County eating establishments, food businesses, retail businesses and certain specialized breweries become eligible to obtain ABC permits to sell malt beverages for consumption on-premises. Since that time, the Sheriff Department has showed concerns about the possibility of "juke joints" obtaining such permits. The Board has requested that the matter be brought back for further discussion.