

## North Carolina

### Transportation of Open Container of Alcohol

Open and closed containers of all alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all commercial motor vehicles (bus, eighteen-wheeler, dump truck, etc.) except as listed below. An open container of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited in the passenger area of any motor vehicle (commercial or non-commercial) located on the highway or highway right of way - even if the vehicle is parked except as listed below.

If the seal on a container of alcoholic beverage has been broken, it is open.

"Passenger area of a motor vehicle" means the area designed to seat the driver and passengers and any area within the reach of a seated driver or passenger, including the glove compartment. In the case of a station wagon, hatchback or similar vehicle, the area behind the last upright back seat is not considered part of the passenger area.

- If the driver has not consumed any alcohol, an open container of a malt beverage (beer, malt liquor, ale, hard lemonade) or unfortified wine (table wine, champagne) is not prohibited:
  - In the passenger area of a motor vehicle designed, manufactured and used primarily for transportation of persons for compensation (buses, taxi-cabs, etc.);
  - In the living quarters of a motor home or home car;
  - In a house trailer.

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