

The State of South Carolina



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- SYLLABI: (1) We cannot say that under presently existing law, the ABC Commission possesses the authority to deny a license to sell liquor to an organization which discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion.
- (2) S-477, presently pending before the General Assembly, would authorize the ABC Commission to deny a liquor license to those organizations which are found to discriminate on the basis of race, sex or religion.
- (3) S-477 would be found by a court to be constitutional.
- (4) It is now a matter for the General Assembly to decide the fundamental policy question of whether the ABC Commission should deny a liquor license to an applicant which discriminates on the basis of race, sex or religion.

TO: Elliott D. Thompson, Chairman
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