

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. 170A11-2

FILED 14 DECEMBER 2012

SANDHILL AMUSEMENTS, INC.; CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES; J&F AMUSEMENTS, INC.; J&J VENDING, INC.; MATTHEWS VENDING CO.; PATTON BROTHERS, INC.; TRENT BROTHERS MUSIC CO., INC.; S&S MUSIC CO., INC.; OLD NORTH STATE AMUSEMENTS, INC.; and UWHARRIE FUELS, LLC

v.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; GOVERNOR BEVERLY PERDUE, in her official capacity; NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY; SECRETARY OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY BRYAN E. BEATTY, in his official capacity; ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; DIRECTOR OF ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WILLIAM CHANDLER, in his official capacity

Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, \_\_\_ N.C. App. \_\_\_, 724 S.E.2d 614 (2012), reversing an order entered on 29 November 2010 by Judge Paul C. Ridgeway in Superior Court, Wake County. Heard in the Supreme Court on 17 October 2012.

*Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence & Starling, by Kelly K. Daughtry, for plaintiff-appellees.*

*Roy Cooper, Attorney General, by John F. Maddrey, Solicitor General, and Hal F. Askins, Special Deputy Attorney General, for defendant-appellants.*

PER CURIAM.

For the reasons stated in *Hest Technologies, Inc. v. State ex rel. Perdue*, \_\_\_ N.C. \_\_\_, \_\_\_ S.E.2d \_\_\_ (2012) (No. 169A11-2), the decision of the Court of Appeals is reversed.

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*Opinion of the Court*

REVERSED.