WHEREAS, several officials and employees of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission have been investigated for violations of the public trust; and

WHEREAS, some of these officials and employees have been indicted for specific violations of state law; and

WHEREAS, there is a specific concern that the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission needs a thorough review of its functions and operations; and

WHEREAS, the restructuring of State Government has not been acted upon by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the statewide Grand Jury identified specific concerns about the operation of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, the restructuring of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission should function as a model for several state agencies, while the overall restructuring of State Government is still awaiting legislative approval;
NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, and in order to secure meaningful and well-considered reform in the operations of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, there is hereby established the Governor's Task Force on Reform of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

The Chairman of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission shall serve as Chairman of the Task Force. The Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive study of the present structure and operations of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and shall submit to the Governor a final report of the study setting forth:

(1) An evaluation of the deficiencies in the structure and operations of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission undermining the ability of the Commission and its staff to fulfill its duties efficiently, fairly and with integrity; and

(2) Recommendation for any changes in any laws, rules, and standards to remedy those deficiencies, including laws, rules and standards governing the regulation of alcoholic beverages, the operation of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the regulatory process, generally, and the performance and evaluation of state employees.

The members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be composed of:
(1) The Chairman of the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission;

(2) Two members of the South Carolina Senate and two members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, who shall not be members of the same political party and shall be appointed by the Governor; and

(3) Not more than four other persons from public or private life selected by the Governor.

The Task Force may request any agency of State Government to furnish such information, advice, or assistance as it determines to be necessary to carry out its functions. Each such agency is directed, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information, advice, or assistance upon request by the Chairman of the Task Force.

The Task Force may hold public hearings, conduct interviews, and meet in public or executive session as the Task Force determines to be appropriate to carry out its functions.

Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service on the Task Force. Members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel and other expenses incurred as a result of their service on the Task Force as determined to be appropriate by the Chairman.

The South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission shall provide such facilities and administrative support to the Task Force as the Chairman determines to be appropriate. The South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission may retain the services of private experts and legal counsel to assist the Chairman and the Task Force as the Chairman determines to be appropriate.
The Chairman shall, in consultation with the members of the Task Force, establish the agenda for the activities of the Task Force, and convene and preside over the meetings and other activities of the Task Force. The Chairman may appoint a Vice Chairman to assist in carrying out the functions of the Task Force.

The final report shall be submitted to the Governor not later than December 15, 1992.

The Task Force shall terminate one month after the date on which the final report is submitted.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE