



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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Chairman

DECISION

**AMBNIK LLC D/B/A VAL'S VARIETY
5 COLUMBIA STREET
ADAMS, MA 01220
LICENSE#: 89581-PK-0010
VIOLATION DATE: 6/22/2023
HEARD: 12/05/2023**

Ambnik LLC d/b/a Val's Variety ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigators Quinn & Cutter's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigators Quinn & Cutter's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report, 6/22/2023;
2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved, 6/7/2019;
3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at approximately 5:28 p.m., Investigators Quinn and Cutter ("Investigators") conducted a compliance check at Ambnik LLC d/b/a Val's Variety.
2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of Investigators, purchased an alcoholic beverage, one 357 milliliter bottle of Gilby's Gin, for six dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$6.99). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
3. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2019 with no prior violations.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner

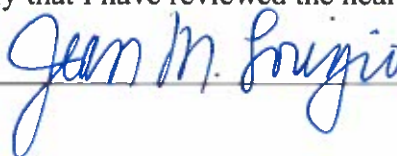


Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record.

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Dated: March 4, 2024

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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