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DECISION

DEER HOLLOW CORP. D/B/A BARNSTABLE BOTTLE SHOP 10 SEABOARD LANE HYANNIS, MA 02601 LICENSE#: 00130-PK-0070 VIOLATION DATE: 5/24/2024 HEARD: 10/22/2024

Deer Hollow Corp. d/b/a Barnstable Bottle Shop("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("Commission" or "ABCC") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Velez's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigative Report of N. Velez;
- 2. Photograph of Fraudulent Connecticut Identification;
- 3. ABCC Application;
- 4. ABCC Decision, 11/18/2019;
- 5. ABCC Decision, 11/21/2019;
- 6. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday, May 24, 2024, at approximately 7:00 p.m. Investigators Cutter and Velez ("Investigators") began surveillance of the business operation of Deer Hollow Corp. d/b/a Barnstable Bottle Shop.
- 2. Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit a black Acura and enter the licensed premises. Minutes later, the same male exited the establishment with one 12-pack of Budweiser beer. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

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- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 3/24/2004 (age 20), presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date which he stated he used to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke to the clerk on duty. Investigator Velez provided the fraudulent identification to the clerk who then ran the identification through a scanner. Investigators observed the computer lit up red, indicating the license was fraudulent. Investigators informed him of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator.
- 5. Investigators later spoke to another employee who stated that he had sold the alcoholic beverages to the underage individual. Investigators also informed him that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 6. Martha Braman, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified their identification scanner is updated each month. She stated the scanner is to be utilized for each sale but the employee here failed to scan the fraudulent identification.
- 7. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 1995.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 Count). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of one (1) day which will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

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Dated: April 18, 2025

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