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DECISION

**HILLTOP FARMS INC.
201 PULASKI BLVD.
BELLINGHAM, MA 02019
LICENSE#: 0086-00027
VIOLATION DATE: 05/10/2017
HEARING DATE: 07/25/2017**

Hilltop Farms Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) – Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation alleged in Investigator Keefe's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Keefe's Compliance Check Field Report; and
2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

The Commission took Administrative Notice of the Licensee's record.

FACTS

1. On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at approximately 5:59 p.m., Investigators Kujawski and Keefe ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of Hilltop Farms Inc.
2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a can of Bud Light beer, for one dollar and ninety-five cents (\$1.95). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

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. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for three (3) days of which three (3) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner



Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner



Dated: July 25, 2017

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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