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DECISION

247 BOSTON ROAD CORP. D/B/A BILLERICA LIQUORS 245 BOSTON ROAD BILLERICA, MA 01862 LICENSE#: 00035-PK-0106

VIOLATION DATE: 12/09/2022

HEARD: 3/07/2023

247 Boston Road Corp. d/b/a Billerica Liquors ("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, March 7, 2023, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Keefe's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Keefe's Report;
- 2. ABCC Form 43, License Transfer Approval, 3/20/2015;
- 3. Photograph of Fraudulent Illinois Driver's License Confiscated;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Receipt for ID Checking Machine

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday, December 9, 2022, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Investigators Gould and Keefe ("Investigators"), inspected 247 Boston Road Corp. d/b/a Billerica Liquors to determine the way its business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators observed two youthful appearing male individuals exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 3. Both individuals admitted that they were under 21-years of age. The underage individuals were in possession of one 12-pack of Bud Light beer, one 30-pack of Bud Light beer, one 12-pack of High Noon beer, and three 10-packs of Doctor McGillicuddy miniature bottles.

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- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 2/02/2002 (age 20), presented to Investigators a fraudulent Illinois driver's license bearing his name but with a different birth date which he used to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke to the manager, Anil Patel. Mr. Patel admitted that he sold the alcoholic beverages to Underage #1.
- 6. Investigators informed Mr. Patel of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 7. Mr. Patel appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed that the Licensee has since enhanced their practices to prevent future violations, including purchasing an identification scanner.
- 8. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2015 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 (1 count). Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

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Dated: May 31, 2023

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