

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

October 23, 2019

BRHANU REDDA, INDIVIDUAL D/B/A 7-ELEVEN 1436- 1438 CENTRE ST. (BOSTON) ROSLINDALE, MA 02132 LICENSE#: 0116-00926

VIOLATION DATE: 6/06/2019

HEARD: 10/22/2019

After a hearing on October 22, 2019, the Commission finds Brhanu Redda, Individual d/b/a 7-Eleven violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days of which four (4) days will be served and two (2) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur

The suspension shall commence on Monday, December 9, 2019 and terminate on Thursday, December 12, 2019. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Friday, December 13, 2019.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 § 23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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DECISION

BRHANU REDDA, INDIVIDUAL D/B/A 7-ELEVEN 1436- 1438 CENTRE ST. BOSTON, MA 02132

LICENSE#: 0116-00926

VIOLATION DATE: 6/06/2019

HEARD: 10/22/2019

Brhanu Redda, Individual d/b/a 7-Eleven (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, October 22, 2019, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Prior to the start of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation in Investigator Teehan's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Teehan's Investigative Report;
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 3. Copy of License Transfer Approval, 9/26/2006;
- 4. ABCC Decision, 9/17/2010;
- 5. ABCC Decision, 7/31/2012;
- 6. ABCC Decision, 9/13/2017.
- A. Licensee's Copy of Boston Public Health Commission's Tobacco Prevention & Control Program, Employee Agreement, 1/1/2019.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday, June 6, 2019, Investigators Kenny, Velez, and Teehan ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of Brhanu Redda, Individual d/b/a 7-Eleven to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.

- 2. At approximately 7:50 p.m., while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful looking male individual exit the store with two 30-packs of Bud Light beer and one 12-pack of Bud Light beer.
- 3. Investigators approached the male individual, identified themselves, and asked to see identification.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 9/11/1998 (age 20), stated to Investigators that he was not asked for identification when he purchased the alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Investigators informed the clerk on duty, Nahom Berhe, of the above violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 6. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2006 with three prior violations of Ch. 138, § 34 which occurred in 2010, 2012, and 2017.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. c. 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 six (6) days of which four (4) days will be served and two (2) 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

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner Cycl Matthews, Commissioner Tothlan McMally

Dated: October 23, 2019

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