



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3
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Jean M. Lorizio, Esq.
Chairman

February 10, 2026

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

**THE CIRCLE BAR & GRILL LLC D/B/A THE CIRCLE
356 CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE
BOSTON, MA 02135
LICENSE#: 04701-RS-0116
VIOLATION DATE: 2/07/2025
HEARD: 6/10/2025**

After a hearing on June 10, 2025, the Commission finds The Circle Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a The Circle violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: Ch.138 §34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of one (1) day to be served.

The suspension shall be served on Monday, March 30, 2026. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

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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The Circle Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a The Circle (“Licensee” or “Circle Bar”) holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC” or “Commission”) held a hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: Ch.138 §34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the alleged facts in Investigator Fleming’s report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of S. Fleming¹;
2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 2/27/2019;
3. Licensee’s Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, February 7, 2025, at approximately 10:40 p.m., Investigators Cutter, Teehan, Temple, and Fleming (“Investigators”) along with Chief Investigator Mahony, inspected the business operation of The Circle Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a The Circle (“Licensee” or “Circle Bar”).
2. Investigators identified themselves to the staff upon entry where they observed several youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages.

¹ The heading of the Investigative Report indicates a date of violation of February 7, 2024, but the body of the report indicates February 7, 2025. At the Commission hearing, the parties acknowledged the date of violation was February 7, 2025.

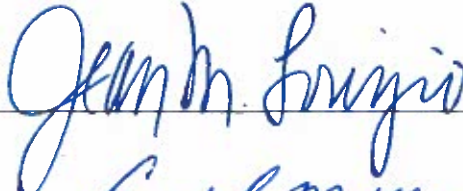
3. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 4/15/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a Coors Light beer that he purchased at the bar. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent California driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
5. Investigators then entered the basement level of the licensed premises where they observed youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages.
6. Underage #2, actual date of birth 9/05/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and cranberry mixed drink that she purchased at the bar. Underage #2 presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her address but a different name and date of birth.
7. Investigators spoke with the manager, informed him of the violations and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
8. Bobby Kariotis, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed that after this incident, the Licensee learned patrons were gaining access through the back door. They have since hired an employee to monitor the back door and have a camera system in place.
9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2019 with no previous 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: Ch.138 § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts) Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of one (1) day.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: February 10, 2026

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