



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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Chairman

March 3, 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: 4/11/2025
HEARD: 7/08/2025**

After a hearing on July 8, 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, April 20, 2026. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Tuesday, April 21, 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”) holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“Commission” or “ABCC”) held a hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: 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 facts alleged in Investigator Temple’s Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of C. Temple;
2. ABCC Approval Cover Sheet, Transfer of License Approved 2/27/2019;
3. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

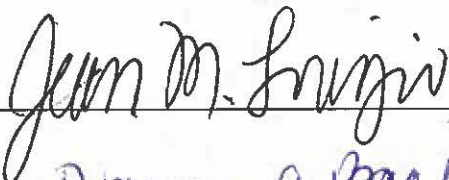
1. On Friday, April 11, 2025, at approximately 10:50 p.m., Investigators Terasconi and Temple (“Investigators”) inspected the business operation of The Circle Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a The Circle (“Licensee”).
2. Investigators entered the licensed premises and descended to the basement area, where they observed youthful appearing individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 12/07/2004 (age 20), was in possession of a vodka soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent license belonging to her friend.

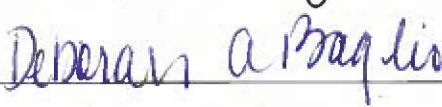
4. Underage #2, actual date of birth 3/24/2005 (age 20), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent New York driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
5. Investigators identified the underage individuals and the fraudulent identifications to the Licensee, George Kariotis.
6. Mr. Kariotis stated to Investigators that he believed staff were scanning all identifications. However, when Investigators scanned the identifications, the device indicated both were fraudulent.
7. Mr. Kariotis, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing.
8. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2019.

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, § 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 

Deborah Baglio, Commissioner 

Dated: March 3, 2026

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