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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

November 14, 2022

CONCORDE ENTERTAINMENT INC. D/B/A BILL'S BAR / THE LANSDOWNE PUB 9 LANSDOWNE STREET BOSTON, MA 02215 LICENSE#: 00496-RS-0116

**VIOLATION DATE: 4/08/2022** 

HEARD: 6/21/2022

After a hearing on June 21, 2022, the Commission finds Concorde Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Bill's Bar / The Lansdowne Pub 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 years of age (16 Counts). The Commission suspends the license for a period of eight (8) days to be served.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, January 9, 2023, and terminate on Monday, January 16, 2023. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on January 17, 2023.

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.

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#### **DECISION**

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BOSTON, MA 02215

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Concorde Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Bill's Bar / The Lansdowne Pub ("Licensee" or "Lansdowne Pub") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, regarding alleged violation of 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 years of age (16 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Gould's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Gould's Violation Report;
- 2. ABCC 1991 License Renewal, 12/12/1990;
- 3. Photograph of Confiscated Fraudulent Identifications;
- 4. ABCC Decision, 7/26/2006;
- 5. ABCC Decision, 12/29/2005;
- 6. Licensing Board for the City of Boston Decision, 6/23/2004;
- 7. ABCC Decision, 5/18/2004;
- 8. ABCC Decision, 7/5/1995;
- 9. ABCC Decision, 9/15/1993;
- 10. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Affidavit of Frank Hart and Photograph of his Massachusetts Driver's License;
- B. Photocopies of Licenses (40 pages).

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

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday April 8, 2022, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Investigators Carey, David, Guarino-Wilichoski, Terasconi, Velez, and Gould along with Chief Investigator Mahony ("Investigators") inspected Concorde Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Bill's Bar / The Lansdowne Pub ("Licensee" or "Lansdowne Pub") to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. Prior to inspecting The Lansdowne Pub, Investigators had been at another licensed premises in the area and found hundreds of seemingly underage individuals. Many of those individuals exited that establishment before being questioned by Investigators. (Testimony)
- 3. Upon entering The Lansdowne Pub, Investigators observed multiple youthful appearing individuals, throughout the establishment, in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached patrons, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 5/22/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Pennsylvania driver's license bearing her own name but with a different birth date.
- 5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 5/19/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his own name but with a different birth date.
- 6. Underage #3, actual date of birth 4/29/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a White Claw hard seltzer. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her own name but with a different birth date.
- 7. Underage #4, actual date of birth 12/17/2002 (age 19), was in possession of a Coors light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Illinois driver's license bearing his own name and address but with a different birth date.
- 8. Underage #5, actual date of birth 3/12/2003 (age 19), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators his legitimate New York driver's license.
- 9. Underage #6, actual date of birth 3/06/2003 (age 19), was in possession of a Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators his legitimate Florida driver's license.
- 10. Underage #7, actual date of birth 7/30/2002 (age 19), was in possession of a bottle of Michelob Ultra beer. He stated to Investigators that he arrived early to the establishment before an employee was working at the door and was not asked to produce identification.
- 11. Underage #8, actual date of birth 12/23/2002 (age 19), was in possession of a Corona beer.

  He presented to Investigators his legitimate Illinois driver's license.
- 12. Underage #9, actual date of birth 11/13/2001 (age 20), was in possession of a bottle of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators his legitimate Massachusetts driver's license.

- 13. Underage #10, actual date of birth 8/07/2001 (age 20), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators his legitimate New Jersey driver's license.
- 14. Underage #11, actual date of birth date 3/05/2002 (age 20), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Delaware driver's license bearing his own name but with a different birth date.
- 15. Underage #12, actual date of birth date 4/19/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka Red Bull mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license bearing her own name but with a different birth date.
- 16. Underage #13, actual date of birth 10/22/2022 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka Red Bull mixed drink. She informed Investigators that she had lost her identifications while inside the establishment.
- 17. Underage #14, actual date of birth date 12/06/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a Michelob Ultra beer. He presented to Investigators an imposter Rhode Island driver's license.
- 18. Underage #15, actual date of birth date 4/15/2002 (age 19), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to Investigators an imposter New York driver's license.
- 19. Underage #16, actual date of birth 9/14/2003 (age 18), was in possession of a tequila sour mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license bearing her name but with a different birth date.
- 20. The Licensee's employees seemed poised to take corrective action when the Investigators arrived and were extremely cooperative with Investigators. (Testimony)
- 21. Investigators spoke to the manager on duty, advised him of the violations and that a report would be filed for further action.
- 22. Katina Kouripines, Risk Manager for the Lyons Group, Joe Hicks, Director of Operations for the Lyons Group, and Anthony Chuga, Assistant General Manager at Game On Fenway appeared at the Commission hearing.
- 23. Mr. Hicks testified he was outside of Game On Fenway, located just up the street from the licensed premises. He stated it was a little after 10:00 p.m. when he observed a large group of people come along, some of them running. He stated it looked as if a Red Sox game had let out. Mr. Hicks testified he had heard Investigators found a large number of underage patrons at another establishment in the area and realized the crowd must have come from that establishment. He then proceeded to The Lansdowne Pub to alert staff and observed some of the crowd had already made it into the line there. Mr. Hicks stated that staff stopped allowing anyone from the line to come inside and he called for assistance from another affiliated establishment. He stated Mr. Chuga and another security manager responded to The Lansdowne Pub to assist. Mr. Hicks testified he walked up and down the line announcing that if anyone was under twenty-one, they should leave or their identification would be confiscated and the police would be called.

- 24. Mr. Chuga testified he was with Mr. Hicks at Game On Fenway when the crowd came by. Mr. Chuga stated that soon after Mr. Hicks responded to The Lansdowne Pub, he called him to respond as well, to assist with checking identification. Mr. Chuga testified that he too announced to the crowd that the Licensee would not accept fraudulent identifications and said identification would be confiscated. He stated most of the identifications he examined were fraudulent.
- 25. Ms. Kouripines testified that as Risk Manager the confiscated identifications were delivered to her. Mr. Chuga presented her with a bag containing approximately 398 fraudulent identifications. (Exhibit B) In addition, Mr. Hart collected approximately 50 to 75 fraudulent identifications inside which were kept at the licensed premises for training purposes. (Exhibit A)

### **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 years of age (16 Counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of 16 days of which eight (8) days will be served and eight (8) days will be held in abeyance for two (2) years, provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission regulations are found by this Commission.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner

Deborah Baglio, Commissioner

Dated: November 14, 2022

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