



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

May 14, 2025

**GSTH INVESTMENT GROUP LLC D/B/A BIJOU
51 STUART ST.
BOSTON, MA 02116
LICENSE#: 00720-RS-0116
VIOLATION DATE: 9/05/2024
HEARD: 11/19/2024**

After a hearing on November 19, 2024, the Commission finds GSTH Investment Group LLC d/b/a Bijou 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 (4 Counts).

The Commission **SUSPENDS the license for a period of eight (8) days to be served.**

The suspension shall commence on Monday, July 7, 2025, and terminate on Monday, July 14, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday July 7, 2025. It will be returned to the licensee on July 15, 2025.

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

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GSTH Investment Group LLC d/b/a Bijou ("Licensee") 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, November 19, 2024, 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 (4 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator McDonough's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of D. McDonough;
 2. ABCC Form 43, Transfer of License Approval, 1/19/2010;
 3. Photographs of Confiscated Identifications;
 4. ABCC Decision, 4/26/2018;
 5. ABCC Decision, 11/06/2019;
 6. ABCC Decision, 8/22/2022;
 7. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Licensee's Security Manual: ID Verification;
B. Email from Intellicheck, Inc. to Licensee re: International Documents Signal.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday, September 5, 2024, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Investigators Temple, Terasconi, Smiddy, Smith and McDonough ("Investigators") entered the licensed premises to conduct an inspection of the business operation of GSTH Investment Group LLC d/b/a Bijou ("Licensee" or "Bijou").

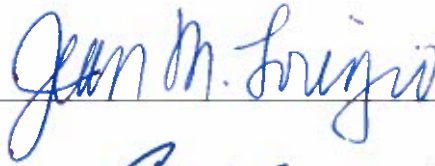
2. Investigators Smith and McDonough approached a youthful appearing female individual who was in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 10/02/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and Red Bull mixed drink. She provided to Investigators a fraudulent Colombian Driver's License bearing her name but a different birth date, as well as a Columbian Identification Card bearing her name and a different birth date.
4. Investigators Temple and Smiddy observed a youthful appearing male individual in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 6/10/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a Long Island Iced Tea mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Colombian Driver's License and fraudulent Colombian Identification Card bearing the name and birth date of another person.
6. Investigators Temple and Terasconi observed a youthful appearing female individual in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators approached and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
7. Underage #3, actual date of birth 10/12/2004 (age 19) was in possession of a tequila and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Mexican Voting Identification Card bearing her name but a different birth date. Underage #3 also possessed a fraudulent Mexican Driver's License in her name but it did not indicate a birth date.
8. Investigators Smith and McDonough observed a youthful appearing male individual in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators approached and requested to see proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage. Underage #4's actual date of birth is 12/15/2004, making him 19 years old.
9. Investigators provided the fraudulent identifications to the manager on duty and gave him the opportunity to review them. Investigators further advised him of the violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for review.
10. Mete Aslan, Director of Operations, Joseph Ghanem, General Manager and David Smith, Head of Security appeared at the Commission's hearing on behalf of the Licensee. The Commission was informed that the Licensee has an identification scanner on the licensed premises and has recently added a feature to assist with international documents.
11. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2010.

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 (4 Counts). As a result, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of eight (8) days to be served.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Dated: May 14, 2025

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