

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

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

January 28, 2025

PAIGE HOSPITALITY INC. D/B/A CURE / HAVA 246 TREMONT STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 LICENSE#: 00032-RS-0116

VIOLATION DATE: 9/15/2023

HEARD: 4/23/2024

After a hearing on April 23, 2024, the Commission finds Paige Hospitality Inc. d/b/a Hava 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 21 years of age (11 Counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of 14 days of which seven (7) days will be served and seven (7) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission regulations are found by this Commission.

The 7-day suspension shall commence on Monday, March 24, 2025, and terminate on Sunday March 30, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on March 31, 202

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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LICENSE#: 00032-RS-0116 VIOLATION DATE: 9/15/2023

HEARD: 4/23/2024

Paige Hospitality Inc. d/b/a Cure/Hava ("Licensee" or "Hava" or "Cure") 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, April 23, 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 21 years of age (11 Counts)¹. 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. Amended Investigative Report of C. Temple;
- 2. Photographs of Fraudulent Identifications:
- 3. ABCC Form 43, Transfer of License Approval, 4/21/2010;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 5. ABCC Decision, 2/6/2024.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday September 15, 2023, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Investigators Smith, Teehan, Watson, and Temple ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Paige Hospitality Inc. d/b/a Cure/Hava ("Licensee" or "Hava").
- 2. Upon entering the licensed premises, Investigators observed several youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages.

¹The Hearing Notice referenced 12 counts of a violation of M.G.L. c. 138, § 34C. At the Commission hearing, the Investigation and Enforcement Division withdrew one count.

- 3. Investigators Smith and Temple approached two youthful appearing female individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 12/30/2002 (age 20), was in possession of a gin and tonic mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 11/11/2002 (age 20), was in possession of a vodka and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 6. Investigators Teehan and Watson observed youthful appearing female individuals in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 7. Underage #3, actual date of birth 4/02/2006 (age 17), was in possession of a tequila mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent California driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
- 8. Underage #4, actual date of birth 1/19/2005 (age 18), was in possession of tequila mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent California driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
- 9. Investigators Smith and Temple observed a group of youthful appearing female individuals. They approached, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 10. Underage #5, actual date of birth 7/07/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 11. Underage #6, actual date of birth 10/24/2004 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka and Red Bull mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 12. Underage #7, actual date of birth 5/16/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a tequila and soda mixed drink. She informed Investigators that she used a fraudulent driver's license to gain entrance to the establishment. She stated that her friend had the fraudulent license and had already left the establishment.
- 13. Underage #8, actual date of birth 4/08/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.

- 14. Underage #9, actual date of birth 2/08/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 15. Investigators Teehan and Watson ("Investigators") observed a youthful appearing male individual in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 16. Underage #10, actual date of birth 3/18/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Texas driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date which he used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 17. Investigators approached a youthful appearing female individual, identified themselves, and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 18. Underage #11, actual date of birth 2/07/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a tequila and soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she used to gain entrance to the establishment.
- 19. Investigators provided Miller Thomas, the licensed manager with the fraudulent driver's licenses they had confiscated to give him an opportunity to review the false identifications.
- 20. Investigators informed Mr. Thomas of the violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for review.
- 21. Mr. Thomas appeared at the Commission hearing along with Shahrokh Reza.
- 22. 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 21 years of age (11 Counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of 14 days of which seven (7) days will be served and seven (7) days will be held in abeyance for a period of 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

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Dated: January 28, 2025

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