



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

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Chairman

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

March 11, 2026

**SAVIN RESTAURANT LLC
D/B/A SAVIN HILL BAR & KITCHEN and GHOSTPEPPER TAQUERIA
112 SAVIN HILL AVENUE
BOSTON, MA 02125
LICENSE#: 00068-RS-0116
VIOLATION DATE: 4/11/2025
HEARD: 9/16/2025**

After a hearing on September 16, 2025, the Commission finds Savin Restaurant LLC d/b/a Savin Hill Bar & Kitchen and Ghostpepper Taqueria 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 (8 Counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days of which four (4) days will be served and two (2) 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 suspension shall commence on Monday, April 27, 2026, and terminate on Thursday, April 30, 2026. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Friday, May 1, 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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cc: Local Licensing Board
Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator
Katelyn Quinn, Investigator
Michael Teehan, Investigator
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DECISION

**SAVIN RESTAURANT LLC
D/B/A SAVIN HILL BAR & KITCHEN and GHOSTPEPPER TAQUERIA
112 SAVIN HILL AVENUE
BOSTON, MA 02125
LICENSE#: 00068-RS-0116
VIOLATION DATE: 4/11/2025
HEARD: 9/16/2025**

Savin Restaurant LLC d/b/a Savin Hill Bar & Kitchen and Ghostpepper Taqueria (“Licensee” or “Ghostpepper”) 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, September 16, 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 21 years of age (8 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts in Investigator Quinn’s report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of K. Quinn;
2. ABCC Form 43, License Transfer Approval, 2/11/2011;
3. Photographs of Fraudulent Identifications;
4. Licensee’s Stipulation of Facts¹.

A. Guardian Capital Security Protocols & Procedures.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, April 11, 2025,, Investigators Teehan and Quinn (“Investigators”) inspected the business operation of Savin Restaurant LLC d/b/a Savin Hill Bar & Kitchen and Ghostpepper Taqueria (“Licensee” or “Ghostpepper”).

¹ The Licensee added a statement to the Licensee Stipulation of Facts which states, “The above Licensee, which has not been issued a single violation in its entire existence of over fifteen (15) years, herein stipulates to so much of the facts as written in the Investigative report as to not dispute or contest the charge, but reserves the right to argue mitigation.” (Exhibit 4)

2. At approximately 10:45 p.m., Investigators Teehan and Quinn entered the licensed premises.
3. From approximately 10:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m., Investigators observed youthful appearing individuals being served alcoholic beverages.
4. At approximately 11:15 p.m., Investigators Di Cicco, Smith, and David entered the licensed premises to assist Investigators Teehan and Quinn.
5. Investigator Di Cicco observed a youthful appearing individual, seated at the bar in possession of a bottle of Corona beer, identified himself and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
6. Underage #1, actual date of birth 3/31/2005 (age 20), presented to Investigator Di Cicco a fraudulent New Hampshire driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date
7. Investigator Quinn observed a youthful appearing individual in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigator Quinn identified herself and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
8. Underage #2, actual date of birth 7/13/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a High Noon alcoholic beverage and a shot of hard liquor. She admitted that she was 19 years of age and presented to Investigators a fraudulent New Hampshire driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
9. Investigator David observed a youthful appearing individual at the bar, in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. The Investigator identified himself and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
10. Underage #3, actual date of birth 7/23/2004 (age 19), stated she was in possession of a vodka Shirley Temple mixed drink. She presented to Investigators an expired imposter Colorado driver's license.
11. Investigator Teehan observed three youthful appearing individuals seated at the bar in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. He approached these individuals, identified himself, and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
12. Underage #4, actual date of birth 1/25/2005 (age 20), stated she was in possession of a vodka Shirley Temple and a Green Tea shot. Underage #4 provided to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license.
13. Underage #5, actual date of birth 8/20/2005 (age 20), stated she was in possession of a Green Tea shot.
14. Underage #6, actual date of birth 09/07/2004 (age 20), stated she was in possession of a Green Tea shot.
15. Investigator Smith observed two youthful appearing individuals seated at the bar in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. She identified herself and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.

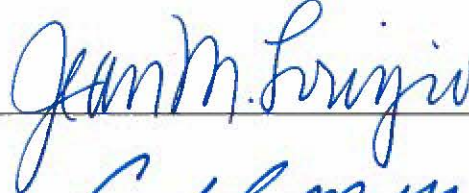
16. Underage #7, actual date of birth 4/15/2005 (age 19), stated she was in possession of a vodka Shirley Temple. Underage #7 provided to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license.
17. Underage #8, actual date of birth 04/22/2004 (age 20), stated to Investigators he was in possession of a Corona beer.
18. Investigators DiCicco and Teehan spoke with the manager on duty who stated that she had been checking identifications at the door.
19. Investigators informed the manager of the above violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for review.
20. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2011 with no prior violations.
21. Driscoll DoCanto, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified the Licensee has engaged the services of Guardian Capital to provide training and take over security at the licensed premises. (Testimony, 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: Ch. 138, § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age (8 Counts). Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of six (6) days of which four (4) days will be served and two (2) 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



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: March 11, 2026

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