



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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Chairman

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

June 16, 2025

**JJ BEVERAGE OF BRAINTREE LLC D/B/A GRANITE WINE & SPIRITS
715 GRANITE STREET
BRAINTREE, MA 01085
LICENSE#: 90462-PK-0130
VIOLATION DATE: 10/04/2024
HEARD: 1/28/2025**

After a hearing on January 28, 2025, the Commission finds JJ Beverage of Braintree LLC d/b/a Granite Wine & Spirits violated M.G.L. Ch. 138 § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 Count).

The Commission **SUSPENDS the license for a period of two (2) days to be served.**

The suspension shall commence on Monday, July 28, 2025, and terminate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on July 30, 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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cc: Local Licensing Board
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DECISION

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JJ Beverage of Braintree LLC d/b/a Granite Wine & Spirits ("Licensee" or "Granite Wine") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138 § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 Count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts in Investigator Terasconi's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of N. Terasconi;
 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 1/23/2023;
 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Licensee's Surveillance Video, 10/03/2024.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, October 4, 2024, Investigators Gardner and Terasconi ("Investigators") conducted surveillance of the business operation of JJ Beverage of Braintree LLC d/b/a Granite Wine & Spirits ("Licensee" or "Granite Wine").
2. At approximately 4:50 p.m., Investigators observed a Toyota Corolla enter the licensee's parking lot. Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the motor vehicle and enter the store. He exited the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached the male, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

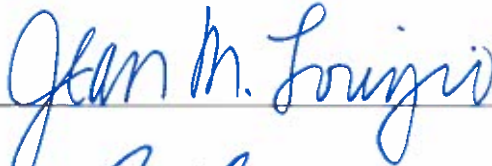
3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 5/28/2007 (age 17), was in possession of 2 sleeves of Dr. McGillicuddy grape nips, one 12-pack of Michelob Ultra beer and one 12-pack of Modelo beer. Underage #1 stated to Investigators that he was under the age of 21 and had purchased alcoholic beverages at Granite in the past. He stated that he had not been asked to produce identification on this occasion.
4. Investigators informed the Licensee and manager of record, John Cao, of the above violation and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.
5. Mr. Cao appeared at the Commission hearing and testified that on October 3, 2024, the night before the Investigators' inspection, Underage #1 came into the store and Mr. Cao had checked his identification. Before Underage #1 left on October 3rd, he said I'll be back tomorrow. Mr. Cao stated that he didn't check his identification again on October 4, 2024.
6. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2023.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch. 138 § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 Count). As a result, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of two (2) days.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: June 16, 2025

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