

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

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DECISION

AARNA CORP D/B/A BRIDGE MART 169 SPRING STREET BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324 LICENSE#: 89211 -PK-0136 VIOLATION DATE: 02/14/2025 HEARD: 5/06/2025

AARNA Corp. d/b/a Bridge Mart (the "Licensee") 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, May 6, 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 years of age (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Binienda's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Violation Report of Investigator J. Binienda;
- 2. ABCC Application Summary Review, New License Approved 12/5/2017;
- 3. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday, February 14, 2025, at approximately 10:05 p.m., Investigator Gould and Deputy Chief Binienda("Investigators"), conducted surveillance of the business operation of AARNA Corp. d/b/a Bridge Mart ("Licensee").
- 2. At approximately 10:10 p.m. while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a motor vehicle containing four (4) youthful appearing individuals parked in front of the store.
- 3. Investigators observed one youthful appearing female exit the rear passenger side door and enter the establishment. Shortly thereafter, the female exited the store in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 6/13/2006 (age 18), was in possession of one 12-pack of Twisted Tea Hard Iced Tea. Underage #1 stated that she was not asked for any identification when she purchased the alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Investigator Binienda entered the licensed premises with the underage female and spoke to the clerk on duty. The clerk stated to Investigators that Underage #1 had presented a Connecticut driver's license but Underage #1 stated she had no identification and emptied her pockets.
- 6. Investigator Binienda asked to review the video footage showing the sale but the clerk stated he did not have access to it. Investigator Binienda then asked the clerk to call the owner or manager of the establishment. Investigator Binienda spoke via telephone with the manager, Premalkumar Patel, who stated he would come to the licensed premises. At this point, the clerk stated that the underage female did not show him any identification.
- 7. Mr. Premalkumar Patel entered the licensed premises. Investigators informed Mr. Patel of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 8. Mr. Rakesh Patel, Licensee, appeared at the Commission's hearing. The Commission was informed the clerk was a relatively new hire and admittedly needed more training. As a result, the Licensee has reinforced its policies and procedures with all staff members. The Licensee's established policy was to request identification from all patrons and to scan the identification of anyone younger than 40 years old. All employees have been TIPS trained.
- 9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2015 with no prior violations.

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 years of age (1 count). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of one (1) day which 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.

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Dated: June 24, 2025

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