

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

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#### DECISION

W & N ENTERPRISES INC. D/B/A OLD TOWNE LIQUOR STORE 286 CAMBRIDGE STREET BURLINGTON, MA 01803 LICENSE#: 00022-PK-0160

VIOLATION DATE: 7/21/2019

HEARD: 3/10/2020

W & N Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Old Towne Liquor Store (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("Commission" or "ABCC") held a hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2)- Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Di Cicco's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Di Ciccco's Compliance Check Field Report;
- 2. Licensee Stipulation of Fact;
- 3. Copy of License Transfer Approval, 3/18/2003.
- A. TIPS Certification for A. Raboin:
- B. Picture of Scanner at time of Incident;
- C. Picture of New Identification Scanner with Screen Print Date-of-Birth Prompt.

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

# **FACTS**

- 1. On Sunday, July 21, 2019, at approximately 1:15 p.m., Investigators Quinn and Di Cicco ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of W & N Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Old Towne Liquor Store.
- 2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a bottle of Bud Light beer, for one dollar and eighty cents (\$1.80). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

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- 3. The Licensee, William Toulopoulos, appeared at the Commission hearing.
- 4. The Commission was informed that all employees are Tips trained. In addition, while the Licensee had an identification scanner at the time of the incident, they have purchased a more sophisticated scanner which not only scans the identification but also requires the clerk to manually enter the patron's date-of-birth prior to processing a sale.
- 5. After this incident, the Licensee immediately met with all employees to reiterate store policies and to stress the importance of requesting identification from anyone who appears to be under 40 years of age.
- 6. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2018 with no prior violations.

## 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: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. The Commission issues a WARNING.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner Lux

Dated: March 13, 2020

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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