



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission  
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*Chairman*

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

August 28, 2024

**HEMISPHERES LLC  
140 AKER DRIVE, COBBLESKILL, NY 12043  
LICENSE#: CC-LIC-029397  
HEARD: 04/23/2024**

After a hearing on April 23, 2024, on Hemisphere's petition for rehearing/reconsideration of the revocation, the Commission hereby **RESCINDS** the revocation of Hemispheres' license and instead **SUSPENDS** the license for a period of 1 year, 9 months, and 26 days. Said suspension shall be retroactively effective March 6, 2023, and expires December 31, 2024.

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.

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**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON  
LICENSEE'S PETITION FOR REHEARING/RECONSIDERATION**

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140 AKER DRIVE, COBBLESKILL, NY 12043  
LICENSE#: CC-LIC-029397  
HEARD: 04/23/2024**

Hemispheres LLC ("Hemispheres" or the "Licensee") held an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 18B. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, September 23, 2021, regarding alleged violations of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 2 No person shall manufacture, with intent to sell, sell or expose or keep for sale, store, transport, or import or export alcoholic beverages or alcohol, except as authorized by this chapter and M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 In order to ensure the necessary control of traffic in alcoholic beverages for the preservation of the public and order, the shipment of such beverages into the Commonwealth, except as provided in this section and section 19F, is hereby prohibited.

By decision dated March 6, 2023, the Commission found that the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch. 138 § 2 and M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 and as a result REVOKED the Certificate of Compliance held by Hemispheres LLC.

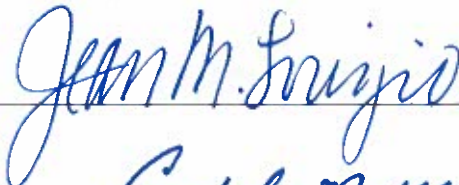
On or about March 30, 2023, the Licensee filed a motion for rehearing/reconsideration of the Commission's decision specifically as to the revocation of the Licensee's Certificate of Compliance.

On March 28, 2024, the Commission ALLOWED the motion to reconsider the sanction imposed and a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.


The Commission's decision of March 6, 2023, to revoke Hemispheres' license took into consideration the Licensee's intentional acts which violated the 3-tier system in Massachusetts. However, the Commission had not considered the possible effects of a revocation upon Hemispheres' business in other jurisdictions. As a result, the Commission hereby rescinds the revocation of Hemispheres' license and instead, votes to suspend the license for a period of 1 year, 9 months, and 26 days. Said suspension shall be retroactively effective March 6, 2023, and expires December 31, 2024. The 1 year, 9 month and 26-day suspension is commensurate with the period of time after which Hemispheres would have been authorized, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 64, to apply for a license under M.G.L. Ch. 138 following a revocation.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: August 28, 2024

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