Memorandum and Order on Reconsideration of <u>Indefinite Suspension</u>

J.R.'s, Inc. 14 North Street Fitchburg, MA 01420 License #: 03900045 Heard: 07/19/2011

J.R.'s, Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an all alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Thursday, July 19, 2011, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c.138, §23. By decision dated September 14, 2011, the Commission **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED** the license of J.R.'s, Inc. **effective forthwith**, until further written order of the Commission.

The Commission held that it would consider issuing a further order upon written request of the Licensee or the Commission's consideration of a Bona Fide application to transfer the license.

The Commission received and considered a Bona Fide application to transfer the license. That bona fide application was approved. The Commission hereby sua sponte reconsiders the prior order of indefinite suspension and in place thereof order a suspension of the license for the time already served.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission reconsiders and reverses its prior order of INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of J.R.'s, Inc.'s license effective forthwith. The Commission orders in place thereof order a suspension of the license for the time already served.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Susan Corcoran, Commissioner

Robert H. Cronin, Commissioner

Dated: September 29, 2011

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.

cc: File Local Licensing Board Frederick Mahony, Chief Investigator Caroline Guarino, Investigator

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

J.R.'s, Inc. 14 North Street Fitchburg, MA 01420 License #: 03900045 Heard: 07/19/2011

After hearing on July 19, 2011 the Commission finds J.R.'s, Inc. in violation of:

M.G.L. Ch.138 §23- Transfer of the privilege of a license without proper approval.

The above-captioned licensee's license is **indefinitely suspended forthwith until further order of the Commission** until further order from this Commission.

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.

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Kim S. Gainsboro Chairman

Dated: September 14, 2011

cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Caroline Guarino, Investigator File

DECISION

J.R.'s, Inc. 14 North Street Fitchburg, MA 01420 License #: 03900045 Heard: 07/19/2011

J.R.'s, Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an all alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 138 §23, detailed in investigator Caroline Guarino's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Caroline Guarino's Report; and
- 2. Application for Robert H. Campbell.

There is one (1) tape of this hearing.

FACTS

- 1. This entity has been in business since 1985 and had dissolution by court order by the Secretary of Commonwealth's office on August 31, 1998.
- 2. The sole officer and director passed away in January of 2001.
- 3. He was also the sole shareholder.
- 4. His children became administrators of his estate in equal shares.
- 5. One of the decedent's children, Susan Campbell, was operating the business not aware that the corporation was dissolved.
- 6. Susan Campbell believed that the license was transferred to her husband by her father and that the proper procedures had taken place.
- 7. Taxes were also paid under family corporation sole proprietor Robert H. Campbell.

DISCUSSION

Technically, the husband of the decedent's daughter had been operating a business under an illegal transfer, while still paying taxes for it under his name. The decedent's son stated that when his father was sick, he and his sister believed their father transferred the license properly to Mr. Campbell and were not aware that the corporation was dissolved because neither he nor his sister did any of the corporate paperwork.

CONCLUSION

The Commission finds that the Licensee violated Ch. 138, §23 transfer of the privilege of a license without proper approval. The Commission therefore **indefinitely suspends the license forthwith until further order of the Commission. The Commission will consider issuing a further order upon written request of the Licensee or the Commission's consideration of a** *Bona Fide* **application to transfer the license.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Susan Corcoran, Commissioner_____

Robert H. Cronin, Commissioner_____

Dated: September 14, 2011

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cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Caroline Guarino, Investigator Administration File