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DECISION

DHARMA BHAKTI CORP. D/B/A LIQUOR WORLD 365 WEST CENTRAL STREET FRANKLIN, MA 02038 LICENSE#: 89068-PK-0430

VIOLATION DATE: 10/07/2022

HEARD: 12/6/2022

Dharma Bhakti Corp. d/b/a Liquor World (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 remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 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 alleged in Investigator Binienda's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Binienda's Violation Report;
- 2. Licensee's Accela Summary page, Transfer of License Approved, 6/2/2017;
- 3. Photograph of Fraudulent Driver's License Confiscated;
- 4. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday, October 7, 2022, at approximately 6:48 p.m., Investigators Kujawski and Binienda ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Dharma Bhakti Corp. d/b/a Liquor World to determine the way its business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators parked their vehicle outside the licensed premises to make observations.
- 3. While outside, Investigators observed a vehicle occupied by two youthful appearing individuals park in front of the establishment. Investigators observed a youthful appearing female exit the passenger side of the vehicle and enter the licensed premises. Shortly thereafter, the same female exited the establishment in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages and got into the car.

- 4. Investigators approached the female individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Underage #1, actual date of birth 5/12/2003 (age 19), provided Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license in her own name with a different birth date, which she stated she had used to purchase a 10-pack of Pink Whitney vodka nips.
- 6. Investigators confiscated the alcoholic beverages and the fraudulent license.
- 7. Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke to the clerk on duty who sold the nips to Underage #1. Investigators informed the employees of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.
- 8. Mr. Jayshilkumar Patel, President of the Licensee corporation, appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed of changes in procedures, including to ensure minors are not able to procure alcoholic beverages in the future. The changes include the use of a new state-of-the-art scanner and also, upon the advice of Investigators, asking more questions of younger appearing customers.
- 9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2007 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 (21) years of age (1 Count). As a result, the Commission issues a WARNING.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dated: February 2, 2023

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