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DECISION

HATFIELD VARIETY INC. D/B/A HATFIELD CENTER STORE 60 MAIN STREET HATFIELD, MA 01038 LICENSE#: 90633-PK-0514 VIOLATION DATE: 6/04/2024 HEARD: 9/10/2024

Hatfield Variety Inc. d/b/a Hatfield Center Store ("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, September 10, 2024, 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 years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigators Guarino & Fleming's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigators Fleming and Guarino's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report, 6/4/2024;
- 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 9/18/2023;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at approximately 5:49 p.m., Investigators Guarino & Fleming ("Investigators"), conducted a compliance check at Hatfield Variety Inc. d/b/a Hatfield Center Store.
- 2. An underage operative working under the supervision of Investigators purchased an alcoholic beverage, one 23.5-ounce can of Smirnoff for three dollars and twenty-four cents (\$3.24). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2023.

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 years of age. As a result, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION	
Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman	Herrin Sounge
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Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner	Deboran Q Baglio

Dated: September 27, 2024

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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 cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Katherine McCormick, Esq., Associate General Counsel Caroline Guarino, Investigator Sean Fleming, Investigator Matthew Porter, Esq. Administration, File