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

# DECISION

BAL KISHAN LLC D/B/A HIGH STREET LIQUORS 642-648 HIGH STREET HOLYOKE, MA 01040

LICENSE#: 89208-PK-0540 VIOLATION DATE: 6/07/2023

HEARD: 11/07/2023

Bal Kishan LLC d/b/a High Street Liquors ("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, November 7, 2023, 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 Fleming and Guarino'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, 6/7/2023;
- 2. ABCC Application Summary Review, Transfer of License Approved, 12/1/2017;
- 3. ABCC Application Summary Review, Change of Manager, Change of Beneficial Interest Approved, 8/14/2018;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at approximately 5:59 p.m., Investigators Fleming and Guarino ("Investigators") conducted a compliance check at Bal Kishan LLC d/b/a High Street Liquors.
- 2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of Investigators, purchased an alcoholic beverage, a 12-ounce can of Bud Light beer, for one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

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3. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2017 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 years of age. Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record.	
Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman	
Dated: January 5, 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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