

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of the State Treasurer
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

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## **DECISION**

IPSWICH SPORTS BAR & GRILL INC. 24 HAMMATT STREET IPSWICH, MA 01938 LICENSE#: 056600015

VIOLATION DATE: 08/11/2016 HEARING DATE: 12/13/2016

Ipswich Sports Bar & Grill Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) – Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation alleged in Investigator Bailey's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Bailey's Compliance Check Field Report dated August 11, 2016; and
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Licensee's Alcoholic Beverage Service Policy;
- B. Letter dated October 3, 2016 from Ipswich Board of Selectmen

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

The Commission took Administrative Notice of the Licensee's record.

## **FACTS**

- 1. On Thursday, August 11, 2016, at approximately 6:17 p.m., Investigators Doyle and Bailey ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of Ipswich Sports Bar & Grill Inc.
- 2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a bottle of Budweiser Light beer for three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

## 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. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for three (3) days of which three (3) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION**

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner \_

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner

Dated: December 16, 2016

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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