

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

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# DECISION

### KINGSTON LIQUORS, INC. D/B/A KINGSTON LIQUORS 179 SUMMER STREET KINGSTON, MA 02364 LICENSE#: 00017-PK-0568 VIOLATION DATE: 3/12/2024 HEARD: 6/25/2024

Kingston Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Kingston Liquors ("Licensee" or "Kingston Liquors") 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, June 25, 2024, regarding an alleged violation 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 Velez's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Velez's Report;
- 2. ABCC Form 43, Transfer of License Approved 7/1/1969;
- 3. ABCC Decision, 10/12/2022;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 5. Photograph of Fraudulent Rhode Island Driver's License.

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

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Saturday, April 6, 2024, Investigators Smith and Velez ("Investigators") conducted surveillance of Kingston Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Kingston Liquors.
- 2. Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit a black GMC Sierra truck and enter the licensed premises. At approximately 6:25 p.m., Investigators observed the same male individual exit the establishment in possession of alcoholic beverages, one 30-pack of Bud Light beer and one 12-pack of Budweiser beer. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 1/07/2006 (age 18), provided to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing his name with a different birth date which he stated he used to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Investigators entered the establishment and informed the clerk on duty of the violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 5. Mr. William White, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified that outof-state identification is not accepted at the licensed premises. The employee who made the sale to this underage individual did so in violation of store policy. Mr. White stated that all employees were re-certified via TIPS training and he, himself, has gone over policies and procedures with employees. In addition, new signage was added in the licensed premises stating that patrons should have their identification ready for inspection prior to a sale of alcoholic beverages.
- 6. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 1969 with one prior violation.

#### **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). Therefore, the Commission SUSPENDS the license for one (1) day which will be held in abeyance for a period of two years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dated: January 15, 2025

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