

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

## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

July 19, 2019

THE LAST SAFE INC. D/B/A THE SAFE 160 MERRIMACK STREET LOWELL, MA 01852 LICENSE#: 0630-00301

**VIOLATION DATE: 4/05/2019** 

HEARD: 7/16/2019

After a hearing on July 16, 2019, the Commission finds The Last Safe Inc. d/b/a The Safe violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2)- Permitting an Illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34C Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one years of age (4 counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days of which one (1) day will be served and five (5) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, August 5, 2019 and terminate on Monday, August 5, 2019. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 § 23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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#### DECISION

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**VIOLATION DATE: 4/05/2019** 

HEARD: 7/16/2019

The Last Safe Inc. d/b/a The Safe (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("Commission" or "ABCC") held a hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2)-Permitting an Illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34C Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one years of age (4 counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Di Cicco's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Di Cicco's Investigative Report;
- 2. Licensee Stipulation of Facts;
- 3. Photocopy of Fraudulent Driver's Licenses:
- 4. Licensee's License Application.
- A. Photocopy of Fraudulent Massachusetts Driver's License.

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

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, April 5, 2019, at approximately 12:05 a.m., Investigators Keefe and Di Cicco ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of The Last Safe Inc. d/b/a The Safe to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.

- 2. While on the licensed premises, Investigators observed youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 5/03/2000 (age 18), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license in his own name with a different date of birth. When Investigators asked for his real identity, he presented his University of Maine student identification to Investigators
- 4. Underage #2, actual date of birth 1/24/1999 (age 20), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license in his own name. When Investigators asked for his real identity, he presented his genuine Massachusetts driver's license to them.
- 5. Underage #3, actual date of birth 3/26/1999 (age 20), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Maine driver's license. When Investigators asked for her real identity, she informed them of her true date of birth.
- 6. Underage #4, actual date of birth 5/29/1999 (age 20), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license. Underage #4 also presented a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license to Investigators. When Investigators asked for her real identity, she informed them of her true date of birth.
- 7. Investigators made contact with the head bartender and manager on duty, Kyle Plocharczyk. Investigators identified the underage individuals to Mr. Plocharczyk and showed him the fraudulent identifications.
- 8. As Plocharczyk examined the fraudulent identifications, he stated to Investigators that these licenses did not have the raised hologram [Kinegram®] which appears on a genuine Massachusetts driver's license.
- 9. Investigators informed Plocharczyk of the above violations, and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.
- 10. At the Commission hearing, the Licensee testified that he typically does not accept out-of-state identifications.
- 11. The Licensee has been licensed since 2013 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, § 34C Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one years of age (4 counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days of which one (1) day will be served and five (5) 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

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Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner 2000

Dated: July 19, 2019

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