

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

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## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

August 15, 2022

NAVYAS INC. D/B/A MARSHFIELD LIQUORS 1852 OCEAN STREET MARSHFIELD, MA 02050 LICENSE#: 89898-PK-0664 VIOLATION DATE: 5/27/2022

HEARD: 6/14/2022

After a hearing on June 14, 2022, the Commission finds Navyas Inc. d/b/a Marshfield Liquors violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (4 Counts). The Commission suspends the license for a period of four (4) days to be served.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, October 3, 2022, and terminate on Thursday, October 6, 2022. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on October 7, 2022.

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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Navyas Inc. d/b/a Marshfield 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, June 14, 2022, regarding alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to 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 Guarino's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Guarino's Report;
- 2. Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved, 11/18/2020;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Photographs of Fraudulent Driver's Licenses Confiscated by Licensee.

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

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On Friday May 27, 2022, Investigators Carey and Guarino ("Investigators") inspected Navyas Inc. d/b/a Marshfield Liquors ("Licensee") to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. At approximately 6:35 p.m., Investigators observed a red Dodge Ram pickup truck drive into the parking lot of Marshfield Liquors and park on the side of the establishment.
- 3. Investigators observed a youthful appearing male exit the premises and then exit with alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.

- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 12/17/2003 (age 18) was in possession of one 12-pack of Bud Light Seltzer. Underage #1 provided to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license in his own name with a different birth date which, when asked, he stated he had presented when purchasing the alcoholic beverages. He admitted to being 18 years of age and provided Investigators with his true Massachusetts driver's license.
- 5. A few minutes later, Investigators observed two youthful appearing males exit the licensed premises with alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 6. Underage #2, actual date of birth 1/14/2002 (age 20) was in possession of a 26-pack of Michelob Ultra beer. Underage #2 admitted to being 20 years of age and provided Investigators with his true Massachusetts driver's license. He told Investigators he was not asked for identification when purchasing the alcoholic beverages.
- 7. Underage #3, actual date of birth 1/19/2002 (age 20) was in possession of a 12-pack of Bud Light beer. Underage #3 admitted to being 20 years of age and provided Investigators with his true Massachusetts driver's license. He told Investigators he was not asked for identification when he purchased the alcoholic beverages.
- 8. Within a few minutes, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male exit the establishment with a 30-pack of Busch light beer. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 9. Underage #4, actual date of 12/20/2001 (age 20) presented to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license in his name with a different birth date, which he had presented when purchasing the alcoholic beverages.
- 10. Investigators escorted the four underage males back into the clerk on duty, Miteshkumar Patel, admitted he sold the alcoholic beverages to all four individuals. Mr. Patel stated that he did not request identification from Underage #2 and Underage #3 but had checked identification for Underage #1 and Underage #4. Mr. Patel informed Investigators that both fraudulent driver's licenses presented by Underage #1 and Underage #4 passed the Licensee's identification scanner system.
- 11. Investigators continued to observe the establishment and assisted the Licensee with checking identifications. Subsequently, the Licensee confiscated approximately 10 fraudulent identifications.
- 12. Investigators informed Mr. Patel that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator review.
- 13. Mr. Sunny Patel, Licensee President, appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed that the clerk had not checked two of the underage individuals because he had checked their identifications on a prior visit to the licensed premises. Since the Investigators' visit, the Licensee has confiscated over 30 fraudulent identifications, and continues to work diligently to ensure minors do not obtain a cohol.

14. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2020 with no prior violations.

### **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 years of age (4 Counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of four (4) days.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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| I, the undersigned, hereby certify above decision. | that I have reviewed the hearing record and concur with | the |
| Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman                          | Jen M. Lorinio  |     |
| Dated: August 15, 2022                             | U V   |     |

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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