



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

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

November 3, 2016

FREEDOM POST 28 INC. D/B/A AMERICAN LEGION
63 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060
LICENSE#: 090000044
VIOLATION DATE: 04/28/2016
HEARD: 10/25/2016

After a hearing on October 25, 2016, the Commission finds Freedom Post 28 Inc. d/b/a American Legion violated 204 CMR 2.05 (1): Permitting gambling on Licensed Premises.

The Commission suspends the license for five (5) days of which two (2) days will be served and 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. In addition, the Licensee must not possess in or on the licensed premises any automatic amusement devices or video poker machines.

The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and terminate on Thursday, January 5, 2017. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee Friday, January 6, 2017.

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.

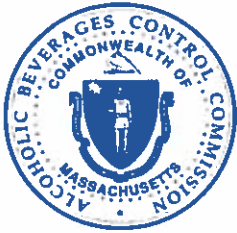
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cc: Local Licensing Board
Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator
Jan Kujawski, Investigator
Nicholas Velez, Investigator
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Freedom Post 28 Inc. d/b/a American Legion (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (1): Permitting gambling on Licensed Premises. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation alleged in Investigator Kujawski's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Kujawski's Investigative Report;
2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
3. Photo of Money;
4. Photo of Gaming Device;
5. Photo of Gaming Device;
6. Photo of Gaming Device; and
7. Two Remote Control Devices to Reset Gaming Machines.

A. Licensee's Letter and Documents Concerning the Use of Gaming Devices.

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday, April 28, 2016, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Investigators Velez and Kujawski ("Investigators") investigated Freedom Post 28 Inc. d/b/a American Legion to determine the manner in which their business was being conducted.
2. Investigators entered the licensed premises and identified themselves to the manager, Jane Duffos.
3. Investigators observed three automatic amusement devices located near the bar. The devices were labeled Money Machine (#1), Double Up (#2), and Fruit Joker (#3).
4. Investigators observed the following characteristics which, based on their training and experience, indicated these electronic video devices were being used as gambling devices:
 - Each video amusement device had marking which indicated, "for amusement only";
 - Each accepted U. S. Currency in bills ranging from \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20;
 - Each had the capability to select the number of points (the amount to bet);
 - Each had the capability to double up the bet by selecting a double-up button;
 - Each registered the bet by displaying the number of points selected;
 - Each had a mechanism to reset the credits earned to zero.
5. Investigator Kujawski inserted one U.S. dollar into the electronic video device labeled Money Machine (#1) and received four credits, which indicated that the value of one credit or point was twenty-five cents. He selected 1 credit which the machine registered, showing 3 credits remaining. Investigator Velez then pressed the key chain remote control or "knock off button" which reset the credits to zero. Investigators conducted an internal audit of the machine. The machine contained \$20.00 in U.S. currency.
6. Investigator Kujawski inserted one U.S. dollar into the electronic video device labeled Double Up (#2) and received four credits, which indicated that the value of one credit or point was twenty-five cents. He selected 1 credit which the machine registered, showing 3 credits remaining. Investigator Velez then pressed the "knock off button" on the left rear of the machine which reset the credits to zero. Investigators conducted an internal audit of the machine.
7. Investigator Kujawski inserted one U.S. dollar into the electronic video device labeled Fruit Joker (#3) and received 100 credits, which indicated that the value of one credit or point was five cents. Investigator Velez then pressed the key chain remote control or "knock off button" which reset the credits to zero. Investigators conducted an internal audit of the machine. The machine contained \$100.00 in U.S. currency.
8. Investigators interviewed Ms. Duffos. Ms. Duffos stated that the club pays out in cash. The bartender on duty verifies the points on the machine and then pay the individual in cash, using the cash bag located beneath the register.

9. Investigators observed a blue bag, which had markings of Florence Savings Bank, beneath the register. Investigators observed the bag contained \$400.00 in U.S. currency.
10. Investigators informed Ms. Duffos of the violation and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for review.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (1): Permitting gambling on Licensed Premises. Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for five (5) days of which two (2) days will be served and 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. In addition, the Licensee must not possess in or on the licensed premises any automatic amusement devices or video poker machines.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record and concur with the above decision.

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner



Dated: November 3, 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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