

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

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## **DECISION**

GANSHYAM INC. D/B/A HARTES PACKAGE & VARIETY STORE 47 DALTON AVENUE PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 LICENSE#: 00107-PK-0974

VIOLATION DATE: 6/22/2022

HEARD: 10/18/2022

Ganshyam Inc. d/b/a Hartes Package & Variety Store ("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, October 18, 2022, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. 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 Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report, 6/22/22;
- 2. ABCC Form 43 License Transfer Approved, 12/27/2002;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Investigators Teehan and Velez ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Ganshyam Inc. d/b/a Hartes Package & Variety Store.
- 2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of Investigators, purchased an alcoholic beverage, one 24-ounce can of Bud Light beer for three dollars (\$3.00). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. Pinal Shah, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified he has since made changes to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage individuals in the future. These changes include prompt TIPS training for all employees, added safeguards to the point-of-sale system, and extra reminders to all employees to check identification.

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# **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, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING.** 

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify above decision.	hat I have revie	ewed the hearing record	d and concur with the
Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman	fem m	. Trugio	
Dated: November 22, 2022		U	

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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