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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

July 12, 2017

**VEER ZALA INC. D/B/A STAR LIQUOR
507 BOSTON TURNPIKE
SHREWSBURY, MA 01545
LICENSE#: 111600058
VIOLATION DATE: 03/17/2017
HEARD: 07/11/2017**

After a hearing on July 11, 2017, the Commission finds Veer Zala Inc. d/b/a Star Liquor violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of four (4) days of which one (1) day 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.

The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and terminate on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Thursday, September 7, 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.

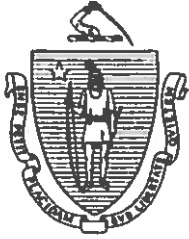
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dennis Keefe, Investigator
Jan Kujawski, Investigator
Brad Doyle, Investigator
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DECISION

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Veer Zala Inc. d/b/a Star Liquor (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Prior to the start of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation in Investigator Keefe's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Keefe's Investigative Report; and
2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
 - A. TIPS Certificate for A. Patel;
 - B. TIPS Certificate for R. Patel; and
 - C. TIPS Certificate for B. Patel.

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, March 17, 2017, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Investigators Doyle, Kujawski, and Keefe ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of Veer Zala Inc. d/b/a Star Liquor to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
2. At approximately 6:30 p.m., while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages.
3. Investigators approached the male individual, identified themselves, and asked to see identification.

4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 9/30/1997 (age 19), was in possession of a 30-pack of Bud Light beer. Underage #1 stated to Investigators that he was not asked for identification, but he had a fraudulent Connecticut identification.
5. Investigators escorted Underage #1 into the premises where the underage identified the store clerk, Rakeshkumar Patel, who had sold him the alcoholic beverages.
6. Rakeshkumar Patel stated to Investigators that he did not ask for identification from Underage #1.
7. Investigators informed Mr. Patel of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. c. 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 a period of four (4) days of which one (1) day 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.**

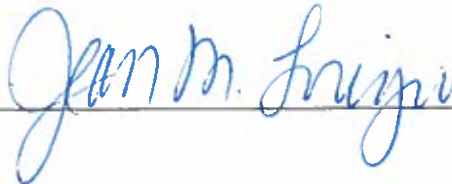
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Kathleen McNally, Commissioner



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

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Dated: July 12, 2017

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