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# NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

September 6, 2017

VEER ZALA INC. D/B/A STAR LIQUOR 507 BOSTON TURNPIKE SHREWSBURY, MA 01545 LICENSE#: 1116-00058

VIOLATION DATE: 05/11/2017

HEARD: 09/05/2017

After a hearing on September 5, 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 five (5) days of which two (2) 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, October 25, 2017 and terminate on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Friday, October 27, 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

Jean M. Lorizio

Chairman

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cc: Local Licensing Board
Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator
Christopher Temple, Investigator
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### **DECISION**

VEER ZALA INC. D/B/A STAR LIQUOR 507 BOSTON TURNPIKE SHREWSBURY, MA 01545 LICENSE#: 111600058

VIOLATION DATE: 05/11/2017

HEARD: 09/05/2017

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, September 5, 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 Temple's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Temple's Investigative Report; and
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

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

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On Thursday, May 11, 2017, at approximately 7:44 p.m., Investigators Keefe and Temple ("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. While outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing female individual exit the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages.
- 3. Investigators approached the female individual, identified themselves, and asked to see identification.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 12/1/1998 (age 18), was in possession of a 30-pack of Natural Light beer and a 12-pack of Bud Light Lime Apple-Rita. Underage #1 stated to Investigators that she presented a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.

5. Investigators informed the clerk on duty, Rakeshkumar Patel, of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.

## 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 five (5) days of which two (2) 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.

# **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION**

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Dated: September 6, 2017

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