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# **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

March 22, 2017

HP HOSPITALITY LLC D/B/A PLAYMAKERS SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

342-44 MOODY ST. WALTHAM, MA 02453 LICENSE#: 132000027

VIOLATION DATE: 10/06/2016

HEARD: 03/21/2017

After a hearing on March 21, 2017, the Commission finds HP Hospitality LLC d/b/a Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, § 34C- Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (8 counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of twenty-six (26) days of which ten (10) days will be served, and ten (16) 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, May 10, 2017 and terminate on Friday, May 19, 2017. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Saturday, May 20, 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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## **DECISION**

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HP Hospitality LLC d/b/a Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill (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, March 21, 2017, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR-2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, §-34C-Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (8 counts). 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;
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 3. Photocopy of False Driver's Licenses;
- 4. RMV Printout of Underage #7;
- 5. RMV Printout of Underage #5;
- 6. RMV Printout of Underage #4;
- 7. RMV Printout of Underage #1; and
- 8. RMV Printout of Underage #8.
- A. Photograph of Licensee's Identification Scanning System;
- B. Invoice to Licensee for Advanced Identification Detection System; and
- C. Licensee's Procedure for Checking Identifications.

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

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

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On Thursday, October 6, 2016, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Investigators Wilichoski and Keefe ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of HP Hospitality LLC d/b/a Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators entered the licensed premises and observed a group of youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 3. Investigators identified eight (8) individuals who were in possession of false identifications.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 11/18/1995 (age 20) was in possession of a Miller Light beer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license. (Exhibits 3, 7)
- 5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 10/03/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a Miller Light beer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent New York driver's license. (Exhibit 3)
- 6. Underage #3, actual date of birth 7/07/1997 (age 19) was in possession of a bottle of Corona beer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license. (Exhibit 3)
- 7. Underage #4, actual date of birth 08/23/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a Miller Light beer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent Pennsylvania driver's license. (Exhibits 3, 6)
- 8. Underage #5, actual date of birth 3/25/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a Miller Light beer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license. (Exhibits 3, 5)
- 9. Underage #6, actual date of birth 6/17/1997 (age 19) was in possession of a Miller Light beer. He presented Investigators with a fraudulent Wyoming driver's license. (Exhibit 3)
- 10. Underage #7, actual date of birth 4/19/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a Coors Light beer. He presented Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license. (Exhibits 3, 4)
- 11. Underage #8, actual date of birth 9/05/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a Coors Light beer. He presented Investigators with a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license. (Exhibits 3, 8)
- 12. Investigators notified the manager on duty, Craig DeCosta, of the violations and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.

## 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. c. 138, § 34C- Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (8 counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of twenty-six (26) days of which ten (10) days will be served, and ten (16) 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

Elizabeth Lashway, Commissioner

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Dated: March 22, 2017

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