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

DECISION

KC BROTHERS LLC D/B/A WACHUSETT FARMS 106 WORCESTER STREET WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583 LICENSE#: 89678-PK-1364

VIOLATION DATE: 6/27/2022

HEARD: 10/25/2022

KC Brothers LLC d/b/a Wachusett Farms ("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 25, 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;
- 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, New License Approved, 11/6/2019;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Monday, June 27, 2022, at approximately 5:12 p.m., Investigators Binienda and Velez ("Investigators"), inspected the business operation of KC Brothers LLC d/b/a Wachusett Farms.
- 2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of Investigators, purchased an alcoholic beverage, one 24-ounce can of Truly Lemonade hard seltzer for three dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$3.99). The underage operative was not asked to produced identification.
- 3. Shieyaben Patel, Licensee and Manager of Record, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified he was out of state at the time of the compliance check. He stated the clerk who sold the alcoholic beverage to the underage operative was temporary and is no longer employed by the Licensee. Mr. Patel is now working at the licensed premises every day.

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In addition, Mr. Patel testified he has since installed an application on his point-of-sale system which requires an identification be scanned before a purchase is allowed.

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.**

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Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner	

Dated: November 2, 2022

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