

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

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

November 8, 2024

ROUTE 95 LIQUORS INC. D/B/A COLONIAL LIQUORS 300 MISHAWUM ROAD WOBURN, MA 01801 LICENSE#: 90218-PK-1498

VIOLATION DATE: 3/22/2024

HEARD: 5/28/2024

After a hearing on May 28, 2024, the Commission found Route 95 Liquors Inc. d/b/a Colonial Liquors violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (5 Counts). The Commission suspended the license for a period of eight (8) days, of which four (4) days will be served and four (4) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, January 6, 2025, and terminate on Thursday, January 9, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on January 10, 2025.

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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DECISION

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Route 95 Liquors Inc. d/b/a Colonial Liquors ("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, May 28, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (5 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to facts alleged in Special Investigator Keefe's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigative Report of D. Keefe;
- 2. Photograph of Fraudulent Identifications;
- 3. Photograph of Alcoholic Beverages Purchased;
- 4. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 3/23/2022;
- 5. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. TIPS Certificates of Completion of Four Employees;
- B. Store Policy Regarding ID Checks;
- C. Photograph of Policy Posted within Licensed Premises and Example of Fraudulent Identification:
- D. Fake Massachusetts Drver's License;

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

- 1. On Friday, March 22, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Investigators Quinn and Keefe ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Route 95 Liquors Inc. d/b/a Colonial Liquors.
- 2. At approximately 7:05 p.m., Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified

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- themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 6/22/2007 (age 16), was in possession of two 6-packs of Mike's Hard Lemonade and one 12-pack of Dr. McGillicuddy's Nips. Underage #1 admitted he was under 21 years of age and had utilized a fraudulent identification to purchase the alcoholic beverages. He provided Investigators with a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license which had a flat and dull hologram and indicated he was 22 years old, more than 6 years older than his true age of 16.
- 4. At approximately 7:10 p.m., Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 11/07/2006 (age 17), was in possession of one 30-pack of Bud Light beer and one 6-pack of Long Drink. He admitted to Investigators that he was under the age of 21 and had utilized a fraudulent identification to purchase the alcoholic beverages. Underage #2 provided Investigators with a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license which had a flat and dull hologram and indicated he was 22 years old, more than 5 years older than his true age of 17.
- 6. At approximately 8:20 p.m., Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 7. Underage #3, actual date of birth 6/28/2006 (age 17), was in possession of one 12-pack of Dr. McGillicuddy's Nips. He admitted to Investigators that he was under the age of 21 and had utilized a fraudulent identification to purchase the alcoholic beverages. Underage #3 provided Investigators with a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license which had a flat and dull hologram and indicated he was 22 years old, 5 years older than his true age of 17. Underage #3 was accompanied by four additional teenagers waiting outside the establishment, two of whom were also 17 years of age.
- 8. At approximately 8:43 p.m., Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached the male, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 9. Underage #4, actual date of birth 8/11/2007 (age 16), was in possession of three 12-packs of Twisted Tea. He admitted to Investigators that he was under the age of 21 and stated he was not asked for identification when he purchased the alcoholic beverages. Underage #4 was accompanied by five additional teenagers who ranged in age from 15 to 18 years.
- 10. At approximately 9:50 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises. They observed multiple youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages in line waiting to check out.

- 11. Investigator Keefe stood directly behind a youthful appearing male individual in the checkout line and observed him purchase alcoholic beverages: one 8-pack of High Noon Hard Seltzer, one bottle of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Apple whiskey, and one bottle of Captain Morgan's Spiced rum. The youthful appearing male was not asked for identification.
- 12. Investigator Keefe identified himself to the youthful appearing male and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
- 13. Underage #5, actual date of birth 9/16/2004 (age 19), admitted to Investigator Keefe that he was under the age of 21.
- 14. Investigator Keefe identified himself to the clerk on duty and asked why the underage male individual (Underage #5) was not asked for identification. The clerk stated he would call his boss.
- 15. Moments later, Mr. Deepak Parte, Licensee, arrived at the licensed premises. Investigators informed Mr. Parte of the violations and reviewed the video surveillance footage with him. The video surveillance showed Underage #4 and #5 were not asked for identification.
- 16. Investigators informed Mr. Parte that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 17. The Licensee has ensured employees are better trained to inspect identification and has hired an employee to work at the door on weekends checking identification. Identifications are checked again by the employee at the register.
- 18. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2022.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (5 Counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of eight (8) days, of which four (4) days will be served and four (4) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

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