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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
FOR  
PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

PENNSYLVANIA STATE	:	
POLICE, BUREAU OF	:	Citation No. 07-1530X
LIQUOR CONTROL ENFORCEMENT	:	
	:	Incident No. W02-353245
v.	:	
	:	LID – 53620
SAILTAE, INC.	:	
290 S. PENNSYLVANIA BLVD.	:	
STE. 242	:	
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702-4413	:	
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LUZERNE COUNTY	:	
LICENSE NO. R-AP-SS-15183	:	

**BEFORE:** JUDGE THAU

APPEARANCES:

For Bureau of Enforcement  
Craig A. Strong, Esquire  
Pennsylvania State Police  
8320 Schantz Road, Second Floor  
Breinigsville, PA 18031

For Licensee  
Ex-Parte

**ADJUDICATION**

BACKGROUND:

This proceeding arises out of a citation that was issued on July 18, 2007, by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement of the Pennsylvania State Police (Bureau) against Sailtae, Inc. (Licensee), License Number R-AP-SS-15183.

The citation<sup>1</sup> charges Licensee with violations of Section 493(26) of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. §4-493(26)]. The charge is that Licensee, by servants, agents or employes, issued checks or drafts dated April 3 and 6, 2007, in payment for purchases of malt or brewed beverages, when Licensee had insufficient funds in, or credit with, the institution upon which drawn for the payment of such checks.

An evidentiary hearing was conducted on November 7, 2007 at the Scranton State Office Building, PUC Hearing Room 318, 100 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Licensee did not appear personally or have any representation.

After review of the transcript of that proceeding, the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are entered.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. A citation hearing notice was mailed by the Office of Administrative Law Judge on September 25, 2007 to Licensee by both certified receipt-return mail and first-class mail to the licensed premises. The notice notified Licensee of the date, time and place of the hearing. The Notice, sent by certified mail, was returned as being marked unclaimed.
2. On September 25, 2007, I issued a Pre-Hearing Order by first class mail to the licensed premises directing Licensee to submit its pre-hearing memorandum. That Order reiterated the date, time and place of hearing.
3. The Bureau began its investigation on May 1, 2007 and completed it on June 11, 2007. (N.T. 14)
4. The Bureau sent a notice of alleged violations to Licensee at the licensed premises by certified mail-return receipt requested on June 12, 2007. The notice alleged violations as charged in the citation. (Commonwealth Exhibit No. C-1, 07-1530X, N.T.15 )
5. On April 3, 2007, Licensee issued a check to an Importing Distributor for the purchase of beer in the amount of \$395.10. The check was dishonored due to insufficient funds and was not made good within ten days. (N.T. 15-16)
6. On April 6, 2007, Licensee issued a check in the amount of \$1,863.83 to an Importing Distributor which was dishonored due to insufficient funds. The check was not made good within ten days. (N.T. 15-16)

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1. Commonwealth Exhibit No. C-2, 07-1530X, N.T. 15.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The notice requirements of Liquor Code Section 471 [47 P.S. §4-471] have been satisfied.
2. The citation is **sustained** as charged.

PRIOR RECORD:

Licensee has been licensed since September 16, 2004, and has had nine prior violations:

Adjudication No. 05-0172. Fine \$1,250.00.  
Sales to a visibly intoxicated person.  
January 9, 2005.

Adjudication No. 05-0571. Fine \$550.00.  
Possessed or operated gambling devices or  
paraphernalia or permitted gambling or lotteries,  
poolselling and/or bookmaking on the licensed  
premises (machines).  
February 6, 2005.

Adjudication No. 05-1268. Fine \$350.00.  
Advertised or permitted to be advertised in print  
alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a church,  
school or public playground.  
May 23 and 27, 2005.

Adjudication No. 06-1298. Fine \$150.00.  
Issued worthless checks in payment for malt or  
brewed beverages.  
March 16, 2006.

Adjudication No. 06-2499. Fine \$1,000.00.  
Used loudspeakers or devices whereby music could  
be heard outside.  
September 8 and 21, 2006.

Adjudication No. 06-2819. Fine \$1,000.00.  
Issued worthless checks in payment for malt or  
brewed beverages.  
September 6, 2006.

Adjudication No. 07-0265. Fine \$250.00 and 3 days suspension.

1. Sales to minors.  
December 16, 2006.
2. Fortified, adulterated and/or contaminated liquor.  
January 17, 2007.

Adjudication No. 07-0562. 1 day suspension.  
Issued worthless checks in payment for malt or  
brewed beverages.  
November 21, 2006.

Adjudication No. 07-0933. 3 days suspension.  
Sales to a minor.  
March 24, 2007.

PENALTY:

Section 471 of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. §4-471] prescribes a penalty of license suspension or revocation or a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$1,000.00 or both for violations of the type found in this case.

If Licensee does not obey process or at least attend the hearing, I will interpose no mitigating factors. I impose a \$1,000.00 fine.

ORDER:

**Imposition of Fine**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that Licensee pay a fine of \$1,000.00 within 20 days of the mailing date of this Order. In the event the aforementioned fine is not paid within 20 days from the mailing date of this Order, Licensee's license shall be suspended or revoked.

**Retaining Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction is retained to ensure compliance with this Adjudication.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2007.

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Felix Thau, A.L.J.

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**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AND REQUIRE A \$25.00 FILING FEE. A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FILING FEE.**

Detach Here and Return Stub with Payment

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The fine must be paid by treasurer's check, cashier's check, certified check or money order. Personal Checks, which include business-use personal checks, are not acceptable. Please make your guaranteed check payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail to:

PLCB-Office of Administrative Law Judge  
Brandywine Plaza  
2221 Paxton Church Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9661

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