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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE,	:	In Re Citation No.: 12-1779X
BUREAU OF LIQUOR CONTROL	:	
ENFORCEMENT (BLCE)	:	
	:	BLCE Incident No.: W02-452543
v.	:	
	:	
BECCHETTI COMPANY	:	PLCB LID No.: 66657
1206 O'NEILL HWY.	:	
DUNMORE, PA 18512-1709	:	
	:	PLCB License No.: R-AP-11064

ADJUDICATION

BEFORE: Felix Thau, Administrative Law Judge

FOR BLCE: Craig A. Strong, Esquire

LICENSEE: Ex Parte

BACKGROUND:

This proceeding arises out of a citation, containing one count, that was issued on January 2, 2013, by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement of the Pennsylvania State Police (Bureau) against Becchetti Company (Licensee).

The citation charges Licensee with a violation of Section 493(26) of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. §4-493(26)]. The charge is that Licensee, by your servants, agents, or employees, issued checks or drafts in payment for purchases of malt or brewed beverages, when you had insufficient funds in, or credit with, the institution upon which drawn for the payment of such checks, dated September 14, 2012.

I presided at an evidentiary hearing on April 25, 2013 at 100 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Therefore, I make the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Office of Administrative Law Judge sent a notice of hearing to Licensee at the address of record on March 5, 2013, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice was unclaimed.

2. The Bureau began its investigation on October 22, 2012 and completed it on November 14, 2012. (Commonwealth Exhibit No. C-6, N.T. 9)

3. The Bureau sent a notice of the alleged violation to Licensee at the licensed premises by certified mail, return receipt requested, on December 3, 2012. The notice alleged the violation as charged in the citation. (Commonwealth Exhibit No. C-1, N.T. 5)

4. On September 14, 2012, Licensee issued a check, in the amount of \$2,485.88, to an importing distributor for the purchase of beer. The check was dishonored due to insufficient funds. (Commonwealth Exhibit No. C-7, N.T. 9-10)

CONCLUSION(S) OF LAW:

1. The notice requirements of Liquor Code Section 471 [47 P.S. §4-471] have been satisfied.

2. I sustain the violation as charged.

PRIOR RECORD:

Licensee has been licensed since July 9, 2012, and has no prior Adjudications.

PENALTY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

Mandatory Requirement(s)

Liquor Code Section 471 [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 the violation found herein.

Discretionary Component(s)

I impose a \$100.00 fine.

ORDER:

In Re Citation No.: 12-1779X; Licensee, Becchetti Company; PLCB LID No.: 66657;
PLCB License No.: R-AP-11064

Imposition of Fine

Licensee must pay a \$100.00 fine within twenty days of the mailing date of this Adjudication. The mailing date is located on this Adjudication's first page, upper left corner. If Licensee fails to comply, the Liquor Code requires that I suspend or revoke the license.

Retaining Jurisdiction

I retain Jurisdiction to ensure compliance with this Adjudication.

Dated this 22ND day of May, 2013.



Felix Thau, A.L.J.

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General Information

This Adjudication is a legal document. It affects your rights, privileges, and obligations. The information which follows is a general guide. Therefore, you may want to consult with an attorney.

Applying for Reconsideration

If you want the Administrative Law Judge to reconsider this Adjudication, you must submit a written application and a nonrefundable \$25.00 filing fee. Both must be received by the Office of Administrative Law Judge, (PLCB - Office of Administrative Law Judge, Brandywine Plaza, 2221 Paxton Church Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9661) within fifteen days of this Adjudication's mailing date. Your application must describe the reasons for reconsideration. The full requirements for reconsideration can be found in Title 1 Pa. Code §35.241.

Appeal Rights

If you wish to appeal this Adjudication, you must file an appeal within thirty days of the mailing date of this Adjudication by contacting the Office of Chief Counsel of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (717-783-9454). For further information, visit www.lcb.state.pa.us. The full requirements for an appeal can be found in 47 P.S. §4-471.

Detach Here and Return Stub with Payment

The fine must be paid by Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Money Order. **Personal and business checks are not acceptable unless bank certified.** Make guaranteed check payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail to:

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