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**RE: JP Wiser's Big Game VIP WEEKEND Sweepstakes**

Dear Ms. Chomicki:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your letter which was attached to an e-mail received in this office on August 19, 2014, in which you request legal review of a proposed sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania.

According to the official rules you provided, the "JP Wiser's Big Game VIP WEEKEND Sweepstakes" promotion is scheduled to run from September 1 through November 30, 2014. Consumers may participate by following the instructions for entry online at the promotional website. On or about December 3, 2014, one (1) entrant will be randomly selected to receive the grand prize of a trip for four (4) to Phoenix, Arizona, including round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations for three (3) nights, ground transportation, admission to a pre-game hospitality party and viewing event, one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) in cash, and four (4) welcome gifts. No alcohol will be included in the prize. No purchase is necessary to enter, and the sweepstakes is open only to legal U.S. residents who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older at the time of entry.

OPINION: Section 5.32(h) of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's ("Board") Regulations states that a manufacturer or licensee may sponsor sweepstakes promotions subject to the following conditions:

- i. No purchase is necessary to enter.
- ii. Entrants shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
- iii. Retail licensed premises may only be involved as pick-up or drop-off points for entry forms and not for the conducting of drawings or the awarding of prizes.
- iv. Alcoholic beverages may not be part of the prize.

[40 Pa. Code Section 5.32(h)].

This office has reviewed the proposed promotion and has determined that it comports with applicable liquor laws and regulations, specifically subsection 493(24) of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. Section 4-493(24)] and section 5.32(h) of the Board's Regulations [40 Pa. Code Section 5.32(h)], and is acceptable for use in this Commonwealth.

Therefore, it would be permissible to conduct this promotion in the Commonwealth in reference to the areas checked below:

- retail licensed premises.
- distributor licensed premises.
- both retail and distributor licensed premises.
- the Board's wine and spirits stores, subject to approval of the Bureau of Product Management.
- other – Internet, text messaging.

THIS OPINION APPLIES ONLY TO THE FACTUAL SITUATION DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DOES NOT INSULATE THE LICENSEE OR OTHERS FROM CONSEQUENCES OF CONDUCT OCCURRING PRIOR TO ITS ISSUANCE. THE PROPRIETY OF THE PROPOSED CONDUCT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED ONLY UNDER THE LIQUOR CODE AND REGULATIONS. THE LAWS AND POLICIES ON WHICH THIS OPINION IS BASED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

Very truly yours,

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