

December 17, 2014

Dijana Kristo  
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**RE: 2015 Red Carpet Sweepstakes**

Dear Ms. Kristo:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail dated December 5, 2014, in which you seek legal review of a proposed sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Wine Group, LLC.

According to the official rules you provided, the “2015 Red Carpet Sweepstakes” promotion is scheduled to run from January 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015. Consumers may participate via a website. On or about March 13, 2015, the grand prize winner will be randomly drawn to receive a trip for two (2) to the 2015 Prime Time Emmy Awards. Tickets to the show along with round trip travel and hotel accommodations will be included as part of the prize. Alcoholic beverages will not be part of the prizes. No purchase is necessary to enter, and the sweepstakes is open only to entrants who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

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 § 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. § 4-493(24)] and section 5.32(h) of the Board's Regulations [40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)].

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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