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**RE: Kick off the Summer Sweepstakes**

Dear Ms. Carlow:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail of March 26, 2015, in which you request legal review of a proposed sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania, sponsored by Arbor Mist Winery.

According to the official rules you provided, the “Arbor Mist Kick Off The Summer Sweepstakes” promotion is scheduled to run from May 1 through June 30, 2015. Consumers may participate online via the promotional website. One (1) entrant will be randomly selected to receive the grand prize of a water sport vehicle including an assembly/freight/prep fee. In addition, one hundred (100) second prize winners will each receive a beach set consisting of a chair, tote bag, and towel. The prizes will not contain alcoholic beverages. No purchase is necessary to enter, and the promotion is open only to adults of legal drinking age.

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)], 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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