

January 17, 2019

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VIA E-MAIL

RE: All About Romance Sweepstakes

Dear Ms. Sudano:

ISSUE: This office is in receipt of your e-mail dated December 21, 2018, wherein you request legal review of a sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania.

According to the official rules you provided, the “All About Romance Sweepstakes” promotion was scheduled to begin on January 1, 2019 and runs until March 31, 2019. To participate in the sweepstakes, interested individuals may visit www.facebook.com/TriventoUS or www.facebook.com/LittleBlackDressWines where they must complete an online entry form with their name, date of birth, e-mail address, phone number, and street address. Entrants are limited to one entry per person, per entry site, per day during the sweepstakes entry period.

One grand prize winner and one guest will receive a four-day Caribbean cruise with an ocean view cabin departing from and returning to the Port of Miami.¹ The approximate retail value of the grand prize is \$2,500.00. No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes, and the sweepstakes is only open to adults who are at least twenty-one years of age at the time of entry. The winner’s guest must also be at least twenty-one years of age to travel. The official rules state that alcohol will not be included in any prize.

¹The official rules state that transportation to and from the port is not included in the grand prize, and the winner and guest will be solely responsible for all transportation costs and expenses.

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

- i. No purchase is necessary to enter.
- ii. Entrants shall be twenty-one 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 sweepstakes promotion and determined that it comports with applicable liquor laws and regulations, specifically section 5.32(h) of the PLCB's Regulations, 40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h), as long as alcohol is not part of any prize.

While the official rules indicate that alcohol is not part of the grand prize, please be advised that to the extent that any part of the trip being awarded as the grand prize will involve sampling, taste testing, or the provision of alcoholic beverages at no additional cost to the winner and/or his/her guest(s), this would be construed as awarding alcoholic beverages as part of the prize and is not permitted.

Further, prior approval of malt or brewed beverages point-of-sale ("POS") material and retail licensed premises POS material is no longer required. However, the requirement for prior approval of POS material intended for use in the PLCB's Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores from the Bureau of Product Selection remains. The total cost of all POS advertising material relating to any one brand of any one manufacturer at any one time may not exceed \$300.00 on a retail licensed premises. 47 P.S. § 4-493(20)(i).

Therefore, as long as alcohol is not included in the prizes, it would be permissible to conduct this promotion in the Commonwealth in reference to the areas checked below:

___ retail licensed premises.

- retail licensed premises.
- distributor licensed premises.
- both retail and distributor licensed premises.
- the PLCB's Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores, subject to approval of the Bureau of Product Selection (POS only).
- 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.

Sincerely,



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