

February 11, 2019

Gail Underwood
Sweepstakes Consulting, LLC
2038 Five Mile Line Road
Penfield, NY 14526
VIA E-MAIL

RE: Spring Into SVEDKA Sweepstakes

Dear Ms. Underwood:

ISSUE: This office is in receipt of your e-mail dated January 24, 2019, wherein you request legal review of a sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania.

According to the official rules you provided, the “Spring Into SVEDKA Sweepstakes” promotion is scheduled to begin on March 25 and runs until April 28, 2019. To participate in the sweepstakes, interested individuals from the state of Pennsylvania may visit the sweepstakes website at bit.ly/springintosvedka to submit the online entry form. The official rules state that if entrants invite friends to enter the sweepstakes, entrants may earn one additional entry for every unique friend who enters the sweepstakes.

Twenty prize winners will be randomly selected to receive a bar cart. The total approximate retail value of all prizes is \$5,500.00. No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes, and the sweepstakes is open only to Pennsylvania residents who are at least twenty-one years of age at the time of entry. The official rules state that alcohol will not be included in any prizes.

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).

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, 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 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodrigo J. Diaz".

RODRIGO J. DIAZ
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cc: Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement
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Thomas Bowman, Director, Bureau of Product Selection

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