



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

In the matter of)	
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BRANNIGAN BROTHERS RESTAURANTS)	Business ID No. 138725
& TAVERNS, LLC)	
D/B/A SUITS)	
210 S. Washington)	
Lansing, Michigan 48933)	
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Ingham County)	
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At the July 1, 2014 hearing of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission
(Commission) in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

PENALTY HEARING ORDER

Under MCL 436.1903(1), the Commission shall impose a suspension or revocation of the 2014 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses with Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.), Outdoor Service (1 area), Dance-Entertainment Permit and Specific Purpose Permit (Food) held by Brannigan Brothers Restaurants & Taverns, LLC, d/b/a Suits (licensee) at the above-noted address, as the licensee was found liable for three (3) violations of MCL 436.1801(2) on different occasions within a 24-month period. Those violations occurred on January 5, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 12, 2013.

The penalty hearing was held on July 1, 2014 at the Commission's Lansing office. Representing the licensee at the hearing was Attorney Andrew Abood and sole member, Douglas Nylander.

After reviewing the record of the three (3) violations within a consecutive 24-month period which necessitated the penalty hearing, and hearing arguments from Attorney Abood and Mr. Nylander, the Commission finds that revocation of the license is

not necessary in this matter. However, it further finds that a suspension of the license is required, and the licensee has demonstrated reasons to order a suspension in this matter for the following reasons:

- The Commission finds that a 19 year old minor was sold or furnished alcoholic liquor on January 5, 2012, and an 18 year old minor was sold or furnished alcoholic liquor on September 12, 2013 and identification was not requested by the employee in either instance.
- The Commission finds that a 19 year old minor was sold or furnished alcoholic liquor on April 10, 2012 and identification with the words "Under 21" was requested and shown; indicating either a careless disregard of the law or deliberate actions of the employee.
- The Commission finds that all (3) three employees who made the illegal sales were terminated.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has demonstrated that since October 2013 an on-site manager has been involved in the daily operations of the licensed business.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has instituted a policy of "carding" all patrons prior to completing the sale and service of alcohol and employees will be immediately terminated if an illegal sale is made.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has demonstrated that the manager and all employees have been certified in a Commission-approved alcohol management training course and any future employees will be required to be certified.
- The Commission finds there was no failure to cooperate with law enforcement or with the Commission.

Under MCL 436.1903(1), the Commission shall issue a penalty of suspension or revocation in this matter. The Commission finds that a five (5) day suspension is warranted for the reasons stated on the record, to be served July 7 through July 11, 2014.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses with Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.), Outdoor Service (1 area), Dance-Entertainment Permit and Specific Purpose Permit (Food) held by Brannigan Brothers Restaurants & Taverns, LLC, d/b/a Suits are SUSPENDED for five (5) consecutive days, to be served July 7 through July 11, 2014.
- B. The suspension is to run consecutively and not concurrently with any other suspension ordered by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for this licensee.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION



Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman



Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Date Mailed: _____

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