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LIQUOR AUTHORITY SUSPENDS LOCKER ROOM'S LICENSE
Repeated Sales to Minors Prompts Summary Suspension

WESTCHESTER – (October 5, 2006) The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of The Locker Room Inc at 1628 North Avenue in New Rochelle. The suspension was ordered by the Members of the State Liquor Authority, Chairman Daniel B. Boyle, Commissioner Lawrence J. Gedda, and Commissioner Noreen Healey at the full board meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2006.

The SLA received a referral from a joint inspection of the bar by New Rochelle Police, Fire Department, Department of Buildings and the Westchester County Department of Health conducted on September 15, 2006. Based on the report, the bar was charged with selling alcohol to underage patrons, employing unlicensed bouncers, improper use of a trade name, and for disorderly premises.

The Members of the Authority also considered prior violations at The Locker Room. Since March of 2003, the bar had been cited by the SLA numerous times for underage sales. Most recently on April 12, 2006, the Members of the SLA imposed a 30 day suspension and a \$12,000 fine for ABC violations. The Members determined the bar posed an imminent threat to the public and voted to summarily suspend the license. Effective immediately, no alcohol can be served or consumed on the premises.

“The Members of the State Liquor Authority sent a clear message today that repeated violations of the ABC Law will not be tolerated,” State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer, Joshua B. Toas said, “Bar owners who serve minors and do not follow the law will lose the privilege of holding a liquor license.”

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a State agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a liquor license, it also serves upon the

licensee a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation(s), considering each licensee's disciplinary history, to be sufficiently serious upon initial review to warrant an immediate suspension.

The SLA's decision to summarily suspend a license is not a final determination on the merits of the case. The licensee is entitled to an expedited hearing before an administrative law judge to address the alleged violation(s) that led to the suspension. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the State Liquor Authority or a reviewing Court.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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