

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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2817 Corporation	)	
t/a Chuck & Bill Bison Lounge	)	
	)	Case Nos.: 15-251-00007
	)	15-251-00007(a)
	)	15-251-00007(b)
Holder of a	)	License No.: 014759
Retailer's Class CR License	)	Order No.: 2015-048
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at premises	)	
2718 Georgia Ave., N.W.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20001	)	

**BEFORE:** Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Donald Brooks, Member  
Herman Jones, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
Hector Rodriguez, Member  
James Short, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Raenelle Zapata, Esq., on behalf of 2817 Corporation t/a Chuck & Bill Bison Lounge

Maureen Zaniel, Senior Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE**

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This case arises from a Notice of Summary Suspension (Notice) issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) in the matter of 2817 Corporation t/a Chuck & Bill Bison Lounge (Respondent) located at 2718 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) served the Notice in

Case Number 15-251-00007 on the Respondent on January 29, 2015. *ABRA Show Cause File No., 15-251-00007*, Service Form. The Notice sets forth grounds for a summary suspension, which if proven true, would justify the imposition of a fine, as well as the suspension or revocation of the Respondent's license.

Pursuant to the Notice, the Board ordered the suspension of Respondent's license in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-826 (2008) and 25-827(a) (2005). The suspension was based upon an investigation conducted by Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Investigator Jason Peru as the result of receiving the PD-251, CCN #15012248 incident report from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). D.C. Official Code § 25-827 (2001).

Additionally, the Board's suspension of the Respondent's license was based upon the written request of the Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier, MPD, dated January 25, 2015, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-827(a), which included a determination made by Chief Lanier that the establishment presented an imminent danger to the health and safety of residents and visitors in the District of Columbia. Notice of Summary Suspension, 1-2 (January 28, 2015).

The Board has the authority to "summarily revoke, suspend, fine, or restrict" a license to sell alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia if the Board determines after an investigation that the operations of the licensee present "an imminent danger to the health and safety of the public." D.C. Official Code § 25-826(a). If properly requested by the licensee, "[t]he Board shall hold a hearing within 48 hours of receipt of a timely request and shall issue a decision within 72 hours after the hearing." § 25-826(c).

Subsequently, the Respondent requested a Summary Suspension Hearing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-826(c), which was held on February 4, 2015. At the time of the hearing, the Parties submitted to the Board, a proposed Offer in Compromise (OIC) pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1604.5 (2009). *Transcript (Tr.)*, 2/4/15 at 5-12. The Board rejected the terms of the OIC and requested that the Parties return for a second hearing to consider a revised OIC and a Security Plan. *Tr.*, 2/4/15 at 45-47.

The Summary Suspension Hearing was then continued to February 25, 2015 by agreement of the Parties. At the hearing, the Parties submitted a proposed OIC pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1604.5 (2009). The OIC has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed. The Government and the Respondent are signatories to the OIC. The Board formally accepts the OIC which is appended to this Order.

## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board, on this 25th day of February, 2015, hereby **APPROVES** the OIC submitted on February 25, 2015, and **ORDERS** 2817 Corporation t/a Chuck & Bill Bison Lounge to operate in accordance with the terms of the OIC.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Respondent will comply with the following conditions and that the failure to comply with these conditions may result in the immediate suspension of the Respondent's license.

(1) No later than close of business on Friday, March 6, 2015, the Respondent shall provide all detailed training materials used as the basis of the training given to the Respondent's security personnel;

(2) No later than the close of business on Friday, March 6, 2015, the Respondent shall provide a sample copy of a video footage, of no less than ten (10) minutes, from the establishment's camera security surveillance system;

(3) The Respondent shall provide a list of special events from March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 that will be hosted at the establishment. The list will specify the type of special event and the date;

(4) No later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first special event held at the establishment, the Respondent shall provide a copy of its Reimbursable Detail (RDO) contract with the Metropolitan Police Department to ABRA as proof of securing RDO for that special event.

(5) The Respondent must provide an updated Security Plan providing clarification of items revealed at the hearing as lacking sufficient specificity to ensure an individual unfamiliar with the operations of the establishment would be able to interpret (i.e. dress code definition, etc.)

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the notwithstanding future compliance with the conditions enumerated above, the suspension of the Respondent's license is hereby lifted and the Respondent may resume its operations effective the date of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Respondent shall abide by all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia, shall operate its establishment in a safe and competent manner, and shall refrain from engaging in the type of activity that led to this disciplinary action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Board shall forward this matter to the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General for a Show Cause Hearing.

A copy of this Order and the OIC shall be sent to the Respondent and to the Government.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson



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Nick Alberti, Member



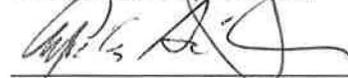
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Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (2008), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14th Street, NW, 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (2008) stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b).