

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER, BLDGS 68-69
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02920**

<u>IN THE MATTER OF:</u>	:	
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SLB, LLC	:	DBR No.: 17LQ012
d/b/a BELA VISTA LIQUORS	:	
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<u>RESPONDENT.</u>	:	

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Division of Commercial Licensing (“Division”) of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) enters into this Consent Agreement with SLB, LLC d/b/a Bela Vista Liquors (“Respondent”) to resolve the above-captioned matter pursuant to its authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-9(d).

It is hereby agreed by and between the Division and the Respondent that:

1. The Class A liquor store license for the premises at 593 Weeden St. in Pawtucket (the “Premises”) was transferred from Bela Vista Liquors, Inc. (the “Transferor”) to the Respondent, which license transfer was initially granted by the City of Pawtucket on March 22, 2017 and finally issued on November 17, 2017.
2. The Division’s Chief Public Protection Inspector collected documentation indicating that purchases of liquor sold at the Premises were made from another Class A liquor store on dates ranging from January 20, 2017 through May 10, 2017, inclusive.
3. The Respondent represented to the Division that this situation arose from certain actions and inactions of the Transferor.

4. R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-7-18 provides that “[a]ll holders of retail licenses except retail Class G licenses shall purchase beverages for sale under their licenses only from the holder or holders of wholesale licenses under this title.”
5. The Department is charged with “supervis[ing] and inspect[ing] all licensed places to enforce the provisions of this title and the conditions, rules and regulations which the department establishes and authorizes” (R.I. Gen. § 3-2-2(d)) to effectuate the “intent of the general assembly to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this title upon all alcoholic beverages” (R.I. Gen. § 3-1-6(b)).
6. To effect a timely and amicable resolution of the violations set forth herein without an administrative hearing and the attendant time and costs, the Respondent agrees to:
 - A. Pay an administrative penalty of \$750.00 payable to “General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island.”
 - B. Cease and desist from buying liquor to be sold on the Premises other than from a licensed wholesaler.
7. Respondent voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing and any right to an appeal to Superior Court under the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 *et seq.*
8. If Respondent fails to abide by the requirements of this Consent Agreement, the Department may initiate further administrative proceedings against the Respondent.

For the Division:



Signature

Date: 6/4/18

For the Respondent:



Signature

Date: _____

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SLB, LLC d/b/a Bela Vista Liquors
By its authorized representative:

Jean P. Baccus - For SLB LLC
Print Name