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**Emergency Suspensions Ordered for Three Oneonta Bars**

**Albany, NY** – The SLA issued Emergency Orders of Summary Suspension of Gandy Dancer Inc, doing business as “The Alley” at 84 Water Street, Oneonta, NY, Today’s Lounge of Oneonta Inc., doing business as “Today’s” at 3 Market Street, Oneonta, NY and Sake Club of Oneonta LLC., doing business as “Sake Club at 99 Main Street, Oneonta, NY. The suspensions were ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Dennis Rosen, and Commissioner Jeanique Greene at a meeting of the Full Board on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

On January 28, 2012 the SLA, Oneonta Police Department, New York State Police, SUNY Oneonta Police, Otsego County Sheriff Deputies, and New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) conducted a multi-agency operation to address underage drinking in the City of Oneonta. All three establishments were cited for numerous instances of sales to minors.

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a state agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a license, it also serves a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation, 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. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the SLA or a reviewing court.

The SLA regulates and controls the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state. The SLA 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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