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**SLA ORDERS EMERGENCY SUSPENSION FOR GREENHOUSE/W.I.P.**

**New York, NY** – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) suspended the license of 150 RFT Varick Corporation, also known as “Greenhouse” and “W.I.P.” at 150 Varick Street in Manhattan. The suspension was ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Dennis Rosen and Commissioner Jeanique Greene, at a special meeting of the Full Board on Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Effective immediately, no alcohol can be served or consumed on the premises.

The Emergency Suspension was ordered following a string of violent incidents reported to the SLA by the New York City Police Department (NYPD). The reports obtained by the SLA on June 21 and 22 document ten separate assaults and altercations beginning on March 11 2012, and leading up to a large brawl at the club on June 14, 2012. In addition, the SLA charged the club with two violations involving drug activity inside the club, lack of supervision, becoming a drain on police resources, and for using the name “W.I.P.” without the authorization of the SLA. In total, the club was charged with seventeen separate Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law violations.

“The SLA will not tolerate violent bars that break the law,” said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. “This should serve as a message that this agency will not hesitate to take immediate action when licensees pose a threat to public health and safety.”

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 ABC Law. In addition, the SLA issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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