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LAST CALL FOR BRONX BAR

SLA Suspends License, Charges Include Prostitution, Disorderly Premises

NEW YORK – (October 5, 2006) The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of The Sexy Dancer Club Inc at 1280 Oak Point Avenue in the Bronx. 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.

During an Operation Last Call enforcement detail, investigators from the SLA and officers from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) conducted a surprise inspection of The Sexy Dancer Club on September 16, 2006. During the investigation, the NYPD made one arrest for prostitution, issued a summons for disorderly premises and are investigating the discovery of a handgun. The SLA charged the bar with permitting lewd and indecent behavior, disorderly premises and inadequate books and records. The bar was previously cited by the SLA for serving minors, hiring an unlicensed security guard, building code violations and failing to abide by state and city regulations.

“The Members of the State Liquor Authority sent a simple message to irresponsible bar owners; if you break the law, you will lose your license,” State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer, Joshua B. Toas said, “Bar owners who run unruly establishments will not be tolerated.”

On September 6, 2006, SLA Chairman Daniel B. Boyle announced Operation Last Call, a stepped-up enforcement effort targeting problem bars and nightclubs throughout New York City. Joint Operations with SLA Enforcement personnel and the NYPD are conducted in NYC targeting bars and nightclubs for ABC violations.

“Operation Last Call is part of our continuing efforts to make our communities safer,” said Chairman Boyle. “We are sending a straightforward message to all licensees, follow the

law and respect the responsibilities that come with 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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