



ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

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Illinois Liquor Control Commission Underage Compliance February Report

SPRINGFIELD – In February, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 29 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 7 for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of February. The ILCC may release results on individual investigations through shorter press releases throughout the month.

The monthly aggregated report lists all the results of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents, local law enforcement officials and volunteers from high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants, and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to minors under the age of 21. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

Below is the bulleted list by location of which establishments violated the law by selling alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Because the visits are random in nature, certain areas of the State are visited at certain times of the year.

Champaign – February 19th, the ILCC and the CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 11 licensees checked, 2 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- HARVEST MARKET #572, 2029 S NEIL ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7219 (1 prior violation)
- GREEN ONION ASIAN MARKET, 2020 S NEIL ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7220 (1 prior violation)

Chicago – February 22nd, the ILCC and the Chicago PD conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 5 licensees checked, 2 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- HALLIGAN BAR, 2274 N LINCOLN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614-3718
- LA PENA, 4104 W NORTH AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639-5206 (1 prior violation)

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Champaign – February 23rd, the ILCC and the CHAMPAIGN PD conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 8 licensees checked, 2 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- LEGENDS, 522 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5720
- ITS BROTHERS BAR & GRILL, 601 S 1ST ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-1842

Champaign– February 29th, the ILCC and the CHAMPAIGN PD conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 5 licensees checked, 1 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- GREEN ST PANTRY, 308 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-8183 (1 prior violation)

This report is a result of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by agents of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC), local law enforcement officials and underage participants recruited from area high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants, and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to persons under 21 years old. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

For information about hearings regarding checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website: <https://ilcc.illinois.gov/events.html>

