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Adelaide venue fined more than \$600 for liquor licence breach

The state's consumer watchdog has prosecuted a licensed venue in Adelaide for failing, without reasonable excuse, to display its liquor licence at or near the front entrance of its premises on Belair Road, Hawthorn.

Lau Brothers Pty Ltd (trading as My Yen Chinese Restaurant) was convicted and ordered to pay a fine and court costs totalling more than \$600 after pleading guilty in the Adelaide Magistrates Court last week.

Liquor and Gambling Commissioner, Dini Soulio, said as part of a random inspection by Consumer and Business Services (CBS), the defendant was found to have breached the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*.

"South Australian liquor licensing laws state a licensee must keep a copy of the licence showing all conditions and endorsements on the licence displayed at or near the front entrance to the licensed premises at all times," Mr Soulio said.

"The purpose of these laws is to regulate and control the sale, supply and consumption of liquor for the benefit of related industries and the public.

"Following the inspection, the venue was issued a \$160 expiation fine, plus \$60 victims of crime levy however the licensee challenged this expiation in court.

"Selling alcohol comes with very real and serious obligations and we and the public need to be assured that licensees are aware of their responsibilities, and are appropriately licenced to supply liquor responsibly.

"With the festive and summer season in full swing, this is a timely reminder for all licensed venues to review their own processes and ensure compliance with the law as more consumers head out for Christmas festivities.

"We seek to maintain public confidence in the state's liquor and gaming industry and aim to see licensed premises delivering a satisfactory standard of compliance that will enable consumers to feel safe when heading out."

The maximum penalty for breaching section 109 of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* is \$10,000.

CBS regularly monitors the industry and random inspections will continue to ensure that licensees provide a safe venue for patrons and comply with legal requirements.

For more information about licensee obligations please visit the new [CBS website](#).