

State cites city bar

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A city bar is being cited again by the state for failing to adhere to conditions of a licensing agreement.

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement cited the Starting Gate Tavern, 554 St. Joseph St., in December.

LCE officers observed violations on three dates in December at the tavern, with regard to the incorrect use of a device used to check patrons' ID cards and a metal detecting wand used to find weapons, said Sgt. Jeffrey L. Rineer, a spokesman.

It was the bar's second citation in six months. In June, the LCE cited it for operating without a valid health permit, failing to adhere to conditions of a conditional licensing agreement and failing to post signs as required by the Clean Indoor Air Act.

The bar was the site of a large fight a week ago, police said. A Columbia woman tried to take a city police officer's Taser during the Dec. 30 brawl.

Also in December, the LCE cited Ancient Order of Croaking Frogs, 300 S. Park St., Quarryville, for possessing or operating gambling devices and selling alcohol to nonmembers. In both cases, charges will be brought before an administrative law judge who can impose penalties of \$50 to \$1,000 for minor offenses and up to \$5,000 for serious offenses. The judge also can suspend or revoke a license, based on the charge's severity, or mandate training.