

(2005 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

13-101.

(c) (2) (i) This paragraph applies only in the following jurisdictions:

1. Howard County;
2. Montgomery County;
3. Kent County; [and]
4. Washington County; AND

5. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WICOMICO COUNTY.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSEE IN WICOMICO COUNTY WITH A CLASS C LICENSE.

[(ii)] (III) The licensee or a person who is employed in a supervisory capacity designated by the licensee:

1. Shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and
2. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

[(iii)] (IV) 1. In Howard County, Kent County, [and] Washington County, AND WICOMICO COUNTY, the person certified by an approved alcohol awareness program may be absent from the licensed premises for a bona fide personal or business reason or an emergency, if the absence lasts for no more than 2 hours.

2. The Board of License Commissioners shall require the licensee to keep a log book on the licensed premises that contains documentation of each temporary absence, the length of time of the absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form required by the Board of License Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.