

CHAPTER 660

(House Bill 400)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages - Licensees - Alcohol Awareness

FOR the purpose of requiring holders or designees of the holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses to complete training in an alcohol awareness program; providing certain exceptions; defining an alcohol awareness program; providing certain penalties for violators of this Act; requiring the State Comptroller to approve and certify alcohol awareness programs; providing for the enforcement of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the use of the evidence of violations of this Act; prohibiting the use of this Act to create or enlarge any civil cause of action or criminal proceeding against a licensee; permitting the State Comptroller to certify programs as of a certain date; authorizing the local alcoholic beverages licensing authority to waive the requirements of this Act in certain circumstances; authorizing the local alcoholic beverages licensing authority to recommend additions to the alcohol awareness programs; and generally relating to alcohol awareness within certain licensed establishments that sell alcoholic beverages on-premises.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 130A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

130A.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM:

~~{1}--THAT--IS--DESIGNED--AND--PREPARED--OR--ADOPTED--FOR--USE
BY--THE--ALCOHOLIC--BEVERAGES--LICENSE--ISSUING--AUTHORITY--OF--EACH
COUNTY--AND--BALTIMORE--CITY--FOR--USE--IN--THAT--RESPECTIVE
JURISDICTION;~~

(1) THAT IS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE STATE
COMPTROLLER;