

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(a) In this section “alcohol awareness program” means a program:

- (1) That is approved and certified by the State Comptroller;
- (2) That includes instruction on how alcohol affects a person’s:
 - (i) Body; and
 - (ii) Behavior;
- (3) That provides education on the dangers of drinking and driving; and
- (4) That defines effective methods for:
 - (i) Serving customers to minimize the chance of intoxication;
 - (ii) Ceasing service before the customer becomes intoxicated; and
 - (iii) Determining if a customer is under the drinking age.

(b) (1) The provisions of this section apply to licensed premises that are operated by selling alcoholic beverages directly to a customer from a bar or service bar on the premises and to premises licensed for off-sale.

(2) This section does not apply to:

- (i) Temporary alcoholic beverages licenses issued under § 25 of this article;
- (ii) A Class E (on-sale) steamboat alcoholic beverages license;
- (iii) A Class F (on-sale) railroad alcoholic beverages license; or
- (iv) A Class G (on-sale) aircraft alcoholic beverages license.

(c) (1) A holder of any class of retail alcoholic beverages license or an employee designated by the holder shall complete training in an approved alcohol awareness program. The training shall be valid for a period of 4 years, and the holder shall complete retraining in an approved program for each successive 4-year period.

(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(II) THE LICENSEE OR A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSEE SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM AND SHALL BE PRESENT DURING THE HOURS IN WHICH ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD.

(d) Any licensee who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this section is subject to: