

(4) (i) A certificate of completion shall be issued for each completion of a certified program and it shall be valid for 4 years from the date of issuance.

(ii) An up-to-date valid certificate shall be presented to the proper authority upon request.

(5) (i) Within 5 days after a licensee or an employee of a licensee is sent a certificate of completion, the program provider shall inform the appropriate local licensing board of:

- 1. The individual's name, address, and certification date; and
- 2. The name and address of the licensed establishment.

(ii) Any program provider who violates the provisions of this subsection is subject to a decertification of the program by the State Comptroller.

(f) (1) This section may not be construed to create or enlarge any civil cause of action or criminal proceeding against a licensee.

(2) Evidence of a violation of this section may not be introduced in any civil or criminal proceeding, but may only be used as evidence before the local licensing board in actions brought before the board for violations of this section.

(g) The Comptroller may issue regulations to set standards and requirements pertaining to course content, course duration, course format and any other course related activities the Comptroller may require.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

13-101.

(a) In this section "alcohol awareness program" means a program:

- (1) That:
 - (i) Is approved and certified by the State Comptroller; and
 - (ii) Has been issued an alcohol awareness program permit 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;