

(II) MAY REQUIRE RECERTIFICATION OF THE APPROVED PROGRAM TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM.

(2) The alcoholic beverages license issuing authority in each county and Baltimore City is responsible for enforcing this section, including the penalty provision.

(3) (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) [A] AN UP-TO-DATE VALID certificate shall be presented to the proper authority upon request.

(4) (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 alcoholic beverages licensing authority 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 alcoholic beverages license issuing authority in actions brought before the license issuing authority for violations of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a holder or holder designee of an off-sale alcoholic beverages license shall complete the alcohol awareness program by July 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act requiring a certificate of completion to be updated every 4 years shall take effect on July 1, 1993, and, as of that date, all certificates issued prior to August 1, 1989 are not valid and are required to be updated. Those certificates of completion issued after August 1, 1989 shall be updated every 4 years from the date of issuance.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 above, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

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