

HOUSE BILL 844

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcohol Awareness Program – Absence From Licensed**
3 **Premises**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved
5 alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or
6 business reason under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic
7 beverages in Frederick County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 20–1903
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
13 Assembly of 2016)

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

16 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 20–1903.

18 (a) (1) The individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program
19 may be absent from the licensed premises for **A PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** an
20 emergency if:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) the **PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** emergency meets
2 standards that the Board sets by regulation; and

3 (ii) the absence lasts for not more than 2 hours.

4 (2) The Board shall require the license holder to keep a log book on the
5 licensed premises that documents each temporary absence, the length of time of the
6 absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form that the Board requires.

7 (b) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

8 (1) for a first offense, a \$100 fine; and

9 (2) for each subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 or a suspension
10 or revocation of the license or both.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.