

Chapter 418

**(House Bill 710)**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol Awareness Certification**

FOR the purpose of requiring in Charles County a holder of certain alcoholic beverages licenses or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing certain penalties; and generally relating to holders of alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 18–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 18–1901  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 18–1902.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

18–102.

This title applies only in Charles County.

18–1901.

(a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 5 (“Conduct of Local License Holders”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 4-502 (“Storage of alcoholic beverages”);
- (2) § 4-503 (“Solicitations and sales outside of licensed premises”);
- (3) [§ 4-505 (“Alcohol awareness program”);
- (4)] § 4-506 (“Evidence of purchaser’s age”);
- [5] (4) § 4-507 (“Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages”); and
- [6] (5) § 4-508 (“Display of license”).

(b) [Section] **THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 (“CONDUCT OF LOCAL LICENSE HOLDERS”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY IN THE COUNTY:**

**(1) § 4-504 (“Employment of underage individuals”) [of Division I of this article applies in the county], subject to § 18-1902 of this subtitle; AND**

**(2) § 4-505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO § 18-1902.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

**18-1902.1.**

**(A) THE LICENSE HOLDER OR AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY SHALL:**

**(1) BE CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM; AND**

**(2) BE PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES AT ALL TIMES WHEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD.**

**(B) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:**

**(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A \$100 FINE; AND**

**(2) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OR BOTH.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**