

Chapter 57

**(Senate Bill 427)**

AN ACT concerning

**Queen Anne's County – Alcohol Awareness Program**

FOR the purpose of requiring an alcoholic beverages license holder in Queen Anne's County or an individual designated by the license holder who has completed training in an approved alcohol awareness program to be present at all times when alcoholic beverages may be served; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Queen Anne's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 4–505(e) and 27–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 27–1901  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 27–1903  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4–505.

(e) A holder of any retail alcoholic beverages license or an employee designated by the holder shall complete training in an approved alcohol awareness program.

27–102.

This title applies only in Queen Anne's County.

27–1901.

(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 4–504] **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 § 27–1902 of this subtitle; AND**

**(2) § 4–505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO § 27–1903 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

**27–1903.**

**(A) A LICENSE HOLDER OR AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER WHO HAS COMPLETED TRAINING IN AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM AS REQUIRED UNDER § 4–505(E) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL 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 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.**