

# SENATE BILL 964

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By: **Senator Ready**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Alcohol Awareness Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an alcoholic beverages license holder in Carroll County or an  
4 individual designated by the license holder who has completed training in an  
5 approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises at  
6 certain times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing for certain penalties;  
7 requiring at least one license holder to maintain alcohol awareness program  
8 certification while listed on the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages  
9 in Carroll County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
12 Section 4–505(e) and 16–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
17 Section 16–1901  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
22 Section 16–1904  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

2 4–505.

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

5 16–102.

6 This title applies only in Carroll County.

7 16–1901.

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

10 (1) § 4–502 (“Storage of alcoholic beverages”);

11 (2) § 4–503 (“Solicitations and sales outside of licensed premises”);

12 (3) [§ 4–505 (“Alcohol awareness program”);

13 (4)] § 4–506 (“Evidence of purchaser’s age”);

14 [(5)] (4) § 4–507 (“Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages”); and

15 [(6)] (5) § 4–508 (“Display of license”).

16 (b) [Section 4–504] **THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5**  
17 **(“CONDUCT OF LOCAL LICENSE HOLDERS”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY**  
18 **IN THE COUNTY:**

19 (1) **§ 4–504 (“Employment of underage individuals”)** [of Division I of this  
20 article applies in the county], subject to § 16–1902 of this subtitle; **AND**

21 (2) **§ 4–505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO §**  
22 **16–1904 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

23 **16–1904.**

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

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

1           **(2) PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES DURING THE HOURS IN**  
2 **WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD.**

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

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

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

7           **(C) AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LISTED ON THE LICENSE AS A**  
8 **LICENSE HOLDER SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT CERTIFICATE REFLECTING THE**  
9 **COMPLETION OF AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL IS**  
10 **LISTED ON THE LICENSE.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2024.