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**By: Senator Craig**

Requested: August 23, 1995

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 1996

Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2           **Alcoholic Beverages - Harford County**  
3           **(Alcohol Awareness Training)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring in Harford County that the Alcohol Awareness Program  
5       contain a victim impact program with first person experience and that all licensees  
6       or supervisors be certified; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford  
7       County.

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18       (As enacted by Chapter 253 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

21           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 13-101.

23       (a) In this section "alcohol awareness program" means a program:

24           (1) That:

25                   (i) Is approved and certified by the State Comptroller; and

26                   (ii) Has been issued an alcohol awareness program permit by the State  
27 Comptroller;

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1 (2) That includes instruction on how alcohol affects a person's:

2 (i) Body; and

3 (ii) Behavior;

4 (3) That provides education on the dangers of drinking and driving; [and]

5 (4) That defines effective methods for:

6 (i) Serving customers to minimize the chance of intoxication;

7 (ii) Ceasing service before the customer becomes intoxicated; and

8 (iii) Determining if a customer is under the drinking age;AND

9 (5) IN HARFORD COUNTY, THAT INCLUDES A VICTIM IMPACT PROGRAM  
10 WITH FIRST PERSON EXPERIENCE.

11 (b) (1) The provisions of this section apply to:

12 (i) Licensed premises that are operated by selling alcoholic beverages  
13 directly to a customer from a bar or service bar on the premises;

14 (ii) Premises licensed for off sale; and

15 (iii) In Montgomery County, a holder of a caterer's license issued  
16 under § 6-706.1 of this article.

17 (2) This section does not apply to:

18 (i) Temporary alcoholic beverages licenses issued under § 7-101 of  
19 this article;

20 (ii) A Class E (on-sale) steamboat alcoholic beverages license;

21 (iii) A Class F (on-sale) railroad alcoholic beverages license; or

22 (iv) A Class G (on-sale) aircraft alcoholic beverages license.

23 (c) (1) A holder of any class of retail alcoholic beverages license or an employee  
24 designated by the holder shall complete training in an approved alcoholawareness  
25 program. The training shall be valid for a period of 4 years, and the holder shall complete  
26 retraining in an approved program for each successive 4-year period.

27 (2) (i) This paragraph applies only in Montgomery County.

28 (ii) The licensee or a person who is employed in a supervisory capacity  
29 designated by the licensee shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program  
30 and shall be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

31 (3) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN HARFORD COUNTY.

32 (II) THE LICENSEE OR A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A  
33 SUPERVISORY CAPACITY DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSEE SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY

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1 AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM AND SHALL BE PRESENT DURING  
2 THE HOURS IN WHICH ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD.

3 (d) Any licensee who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this section is  
4 subject to:

5 (1) For the first offense, a \$100 fine; and

6 (2) For each subsequent offense, a fine not to exceed \$500 or a suspension  
7 or revocation of the license or both.

8 (e) (1) The State Comptroller:

9 (i) Shall approve and certify each alcohol awareness program that is  
10 in compliance with this section; and

11 (ii) May require recertification of the approved program to insure  
12 compliance with any changes in the program.

13 (2) Any individual who is authorized or employed to teach an alcohol  
14 awareness program must obtain an alcohol awareness instructor's permit.

15 (3) Each local licensing board is responsible for enforcing this section,  
16 including the penalty provision.

17 (4) (i) A certificate of completion shall be issued for each completion of a  
18 certified program and it shall be valid for 4 years from the date of issuance.

19 (ii) An up-to-date valid certificate shall be presented to the proper  
20 authority upon request.

21 (5) (i) Within 5 days after a licensee or an employee of a licensee is sent  
22 a certificate of completion, the program provider shall inform the appropriate local  
23 licensing board of:

24 1. The individual's name, address, and certification date; and

25 2. The name and address of the licensed establishment.

26 (ii) Any program provider who violates the provisions of this  
27 subsection is subject to a decertification of the program by the State Comptroller.

28 (f) (1) This section may not be construed to create or enlarge any civil cause of  
29 action or criminal proceeding against a licensee.

30 (2) Evidence of a violation of this section may not be introduced in any civil  
31 or criminal proceeding, but may only be used as evidence before the local licensing board  
32 in actions brought before the board for violations of this section.

33 (g) The Comptroller may issue regulations to set standards and requirements  
34 pertaining to course content, course duration, course format and any other course related  
35 activities the Comptroller may require.

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4           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act is  
5 contingent on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of  
6 Chapter 253 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995. If that termination provision  
7 takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to have  
8 any effect on that termination provision.

9           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3  
10 above, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.