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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcohol Awareness Program - Certified Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Wicomico County to the list of counties that require that  
4 the licensee of a retail alcoholic beverages premises, or a certain employee of the  
5 licensee, be certified by an approved awareness program and be present during  
6 the hours in which alcohol may be sold; providing for a certain limited exception;  
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages sold at retail alcoholic beverages  
8 premises in Wicomico County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 13-101(c)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 13-101(c)(2)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 13-101.

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

7 (2) (i) This paragraph applies only in the following jurisdictions:

- 8 1. Howard County; [and]
- 9 2. Montgomery County; AND
- 10 3. WICOMICO COUNTY.

11 (ii) The licensee or a person who is employed in a supervisory  
12 capacity designated by the licensee:

13 1. Shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness  
14 program; and

15 2. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii) of this  
16 paragraph, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

17 (iii) 1. In Howard County AND WICOMICO COUNTY, the person  
18 certified by an approved alcohol awareness program may be absent from the licensed  
19 premises for a bona fide personal or business reason or an emergency, if the absence  
20 lasts for no more than 2 hours.

21 2. The Board of License Commissioners shall require the  
22 licensee to keep a log book on the licensed premises that contains documentation of  
23 each temporary absence, the length of time of the absence, and the reason for the  
24 absence, in the form required by the Board of License Commissioners.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2000.