

Chapter 128

(House Bill 844)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcohol Awareness Program – Absence From Licensed Premises

FOR the purpose of authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or business reason under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 20–1903

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20–1903.

(a) (1) The individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program may be absent from the licensed premises for **A PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** an emergency if:

(i) the **PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** emergency meets standards that the Board sets by regulation; and

(ii) the absence lasts for not more than 2 hours.

(2) The Board shall require the license holder to keep a log book on the licensed premises that documents each temporary absence, the length of time of the absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form that the Board requires.

(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, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.