

HOUSE BILL 710

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol Awareness Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Charles County a holder of certain alcoholic beverages
4 licenses or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a
5 supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and
6 to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be
7 sold; providing certain penalties; and generally relating to holders of alcoholic
8 beverages licenses in Charles County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 18–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 18–1902.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18–102.

2 This title applies only in Charles County.

3 18–1901.

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

6 (1) § 4–502 (“Storage of alcoholic beverages”);

7 (2) § 4–503 (“Solicitations and sales outside of licensed premises”);

8 (3) [§ 4–505 (“Alcohol awareness program”)];

9 (4)] § 4–506 (“Evidence of purchaser’s age”);

10 [§ 4–507 (“Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages”); and

11 [§ 4–508 (“Display of license”)].

12 (b) [Section] THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5
13 (“CONDUCT OF LOCAL LICENSE HOLDERS”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY
14 IN THE COUNTY:

15 (1) § 4–504 (“Employment of underage individuals”) [of Division I of this
16 article applies in the county], subject to § 18–1902 of this subtitle; AND

17 (2) § 4–505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO §
18 18–1902.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19 18–1902.1.

20 (A) THE LICENSE HOLDER OR AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE
21 HOLDER WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY SHALL:

22 (1) BE CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM;
23 AND

24 (2) BE PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES AT ALL TIMES WHEN
25 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD.

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

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

2 **(2) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500**

3 **OR A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OR BOTH.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

5 1, 2017.