

Chapter 155

(House Bill 288)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Alcohol Awareness

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FOR the purpose of requiring in Prince George's County a holder of a certain alcoholic beverages license or an individual designated by the license holder and employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; and generally relating to holders of alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1902.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

26–102.

This title applies only in Prince George's County.

26–1901.

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

- (1) § 4–502 (“Storage of alcoholic beverages”);
- (2) § 4–503 (“Solicitations and sales outside licensed premises”);
- (3) [§ 4–505 (“Alcohol awareness program”);
- (4)] § 4–506 (“Evidence of purchaser’s age”);
- [(5)] (4) § 4–507 (“Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages”); and
- [(6)] (5) § 4–508 (“Display of license”).

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

(1) § 4–504 (“Employment of underage individuals”) [of Division I of this article applies in the county], subject to § 26–1902 of this subtitle; AND

(2) § 4–505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO § 26–1902.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26–1902.1.

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

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

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

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

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A ~~\$100~~ \$250 FINE; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A \$500 FINE; AND

(3) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 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, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.