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ALCOHOL AWARENESS REQUIREMENT

You are hereby advised that you are **REQUIRED** to submit copies of the Alcohol Awareness Certificates for all certified employees at scheduled hearings.

Attached please find Alcoholic Beverages Article, § 33-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

This law was amended July 1, 2013. The amendment requires all licensees to comply with the new regulations incorporated into the Board's Rules and Regulations. Non-compliance may result in fines, suspensions, or revocations.

FOR FULL TEXT VERSION:

Annotated Code of Maryland (Search: Alcoholic Beverages Article)
www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/mdcode/alcoholicbeverages

Worcester County Board of License Commissioners Alcoholic Beverage License Rules & Regulations
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§ 33-1903. **Alcohol Awareness Program**

(a) *Scope of section* – This section does not apply to a holder of a Class C license.

(b) *Presence required;* Temporary absence from licensed premises allowed.

(1) The license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity shall:
   (i) Be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and
   (ii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold.

(2) The license holder or individual specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection may be absent from the licensed premises for a personal or business reason for an emergency if the absence lasts for not more than 2 hours.

(3) The Board requires the license holder to keep a logbook 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.

(c) *Penalty* – 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