

SENATE BILL 964

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By: **Senator Ready**

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Assigned to: Finance

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Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Alcohol Awareness Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~on~~ the holder of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages
4 license ~~holder~~ in Carroll County or an individual designated by the license holder
5 who has completed training in an approved alcohol awareness program to be present
6 on the licensed premises at certain times when alcoholic beverages may be sold;
7 providing for certain penalties; requiring at least one license holder to maintain
8 alcohol awareness program certification while listed on the license; and generally
9 relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 4–505(e) and 16–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 16–1901
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
22 Section 16–1904

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

6 4–505.

7 (e) A holder of any retail alcoholic beverages license or an employee designated
8 by the holder shall complete training in an approved alcohol awareness program.

9 16–102.

10 This title applies only in Carroll County.

11 16–1901.

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

14 (1) § 4–502 (“Storage of alcoholic beverages”);

15 (2) § 4–503 (“Solicitations and sales outside of licensed premises”);

16 (3) [§ 4–505 (“Alcohol awareness program”);

17 (4)] § 4–506 (“Evidence of purchaser’s age”);

18 [(5)] (4) § 4–507 (“Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages”); and

19 [(6)] (5) § 4–508 (“Display of license”).

20 (b) [Section 4–504] **THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5**
21 **(“CONDUCT OF LOCAL LICENSE HOLDERS”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY**
22 **IN THE COUNTY:**

23 (1) **§ 4–504** (“Employment of underage individuals”) [of Division I of this
24 article applies in the county], subject to § 16–1902 of this subtitle; **AND**

25 (2) **§ 4–505 (“ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM”), SUBJECT TO §**
26 **16–1904 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

27 **16–1904.**

1 **(A) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS B OR CLASS D LICENSE ~~HOLDER~~ OR AN**
2 **INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER WHO IS EMPLOYED IN A**
3 **SUPERVISORY CAPACITY SHALL BE:**

4 **(1) CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM;**
5 **AND**

6 **(2) PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES DURING THE HOURS IN**
7 **WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD.**

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

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

10 **(2) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500**
11 **OR A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OR BOTH.**

12 **(C) AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LISTED ON THE LICENSE AS A**
13 **LICENSE HOLDER SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT CERTIFICATE REFLECTING THE**
14 **COMPLETION OF AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL IS**
15 **LISTED ON THE LICENSE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.