

SENATE BILL 964

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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.



Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

4–505.

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

16–102.

This title applies only in Carroll County.

16–1901.

(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 of 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 4–504] **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 § 16–1902 of this subtitle; **AND**

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

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.