



Harford County Liquor Control Board

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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The Harford County Liquor Control Board usually meets every other Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the Board website no later than Monday before the meeting. At each meeting the five Commissioners make decisions that could potentially affect every liquor licensee in Harford County yet, other than license transfers and show cause hearings, very few licensees have ever attended a Board meeting. The Board welcomes comments and suggestions from licensees, the public, and the press at every hearing but there is rarely anyone in attendance. Your voice can make a difference and it is very easy to be heard. Just show up! If you have an idea that would make it easier for you to do business or that would benefit the alcohol beverage industry as a whole, don't keep it to yourself. If you have an idea, suggestion, comment, or just want to get to know the commissioners, attend a Liquor Board meeting.

INFUSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Many on-sale retailers have chosen to create their own distinctive drinks by infusing alcoholic beverages with other flavors. This can be a unique addition to your drink menu but can also lead to a violation if not done correctly. If you wish to create infused alcoholic beverages at your restaurant, you must follow these simple rules:

The container must have a label with the following;

- 1) Contents; specific alcoholic beverage and flavorings
- 2) Name of the person creating the infusion
- 3) Date of the infusion

Infusions may not remain in the alcoholic beverage for more than seven (7) days and infusions must not be done in the original alcoholic beverage container. The only other limit is your imagination. Infused beverages may only be consumed on

The Liquor Board office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the July 4th Independence Day holiday.

JUNE 11th COMPLIANCE TEST

On June 11, 2015 the Liquor Board and the Maryland State Police conducted an underage alcohol compliance test of twenty licensed businesses. The servers in nineteen of those licensed businesses checked the underage volunteer's vertical license and refused to sell or provide her an alcoholic beverage.

Congratulations to those businesses for a 95% success rate.

CURRENT FAKE IDs

Surrounding jurisdictions have reported an increase in the number of fake Colorado and South Carolina driver's licenses. The fakes are of good quality and have most of the security features. If a young customer presents an out of state license, be sure to request a second form of identification. Someone with a genuine Colorado license probably won't have a check card or a gym membership from the Harford County area. It only takes a few seconds to ask and keep you and your employer out of trouble. Training in fake IDs and server's rights and responsibilities is available from the Board. See the website for the complete schedule.