



## Training Available for Licensees & Employees

Do you know the Board offers free training for licensees and employees in four of the most important aspects of responsible alcohol beverage service? Server's Identification Training provided by the Board's inspectors covers the following topics:

- ✓ Identifying those under the age of 21
- ✓ Dealing with intoxicated subjects
- ✓ Identifying false and fictitious IDs
- ✓ Server's Rights and Responsibilities

Last year 603 licensees and employees at twenty-nine licensed establishments took advantage of this training. The schedule for the training is available on the Board's website and facebook page if you would like to sign up. **The average fine for servers who are charged for serving the underage volunteer during a compliance test has been \$500 in the District Court.** Make sure your employees know the rules and avoid the fine!

### ↓ ON A RELATED NOTE ↓

A Florida court recently awarded a \$716,000,000 judgment against a convenience store for selling alcohol to the driver found at fault in a fatal drunk driving crash.

## April 11<sup>th</sup> Compliance Test

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of the Maryland State Police, the Board's inspectors conducted a compliance test of thirty-one businesses. Twenty-eight businesses passed the test by refusing to serve the twenty year old underage volunteer when he presented his vertical Maryland license. Of the three businesses that failed, one server asked for ID and two did not. Out of the twenty-eight businesses that passed, the servers in eighteen stated to the trooper and the underage volunteer that their company policy did not allow them to accept vertical licenses.

## Changes to the Growler Rules

Effective July 1, 2015 licensees who are permitted to sell and refill growlers will be able to sell beer and wine in refillable containers. The hours of sale have also been extended until 2:00 a.m. For complete information please see the Board's website or facebook page.

## Year End Summary

Here are some statistics for the last licensing year which ended on April 30, 2015.

- ◆ Harford County has 194 licensed establishments, or one for every 1289 residents. The statewide average is one alcohol beverage license for every 500 residents.
- ♥ Nine licensees participated in the False Identification Tracking program, confiscating 31 fake IDs which were turned over to the police for charges.
- ♣ The Board's inspectors completed over 630 inspections during the licensing year.
- ♠ 160 businesses were checked during compliance testing with 124 passing, a compliance rate of 78%.
- ◆ In addition to license renewals and supplemental applications, the Board staff processed 152 one day, Class C licenses for non-profit organizations.



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