



December 20th Underage Compliance Test

The Liquor Board inspectors completed the last compliance test of 2014 on December 20th. Twenty-one businesses were checked and only ten passed; a compliance rate of 48%. The difference between the businesses that passed and those that did not came down to one simple fact. When the server checked the ID the business passed the test. When the server did not request identification, the business failed the test. Board statistics show that of the 49 businesses that failed a compliance test in 2014, the servers in 40 of those businesses did not request identification from the underage purchaser.

Despite the rumors that have reached the Board concerning the conduct of the compliance tests, the protocol used by the Board, and the conduct required of the police officer and underage purchaser to ensure fairness and integrity, have not changed. The underage cadets have not and will not resort to any sort of deception when attempting to purchase alcohol. Anyone is welcome to accompany the inspectors on a compliance test if there are any questions about the procedure being followed.

New Renewal Application for 2015 – 2016

The renewal application form has been changed for the new licensing year. The new application requires all of the same information but is in a more user friendly format. The new renewal form is the same for every license class so there may be some sections that do not apply to every licensee. Be sure to complete every section even if you must use **n/a** in certain sections. Applications received after March 16th will incur a \$200 late filing fee. Applications received after March 31st will not be processed in time to be issued by May 1st, meaning the business will be without a valid license until approved by the Board and will not be allowed to sell alcohol until the new license is received.

Renewal applications received after April 1st will not be completely processed by May 1st, delaying the issuance of the new license.

Compliance Test All-Star

By passing the December 20th underage alcohol compliance test, DuClaw Brewing Company has gone over ten years without a violation of any kind.

Growlers

Eleven Harford County businesses have taken advantage of the new law allowing refillable beer containers (growlers). If you have a Class A-1, A-2, or D license or a Class B license with an off-sale privilege and would like to be able to sell growlers, submit your application to the Board. Eighty-four businesses are eligible to sell and refill growlers. The growler application is available on the website.

Changes to Board Rules & Regulations

The Board has amended five sections of the Rules & Regulations. Those sections are:
Rule 3:08 – Records
Rule 3:25 – Suspensions, Revocations, and Fines
Rule 5:08 – Class B-FD – Fine Dining license
Rule 5:27 – Wine & Beer tasting license
Rule 5:28 – Cordial, Wine, and Beer tasting license

The Rules & Regulations will be updated on the website soon.