



MVA CHANGES LICENSE ISSUING PROCEDURES

Starting April 1, 2014, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) instituted radical changes in the way licenses are issued and renewed. These changes will have the greatest impact on those turning twenty-one who want to exchange their vertical license for a license in the horizontal format.

The MVA now requires everyone under the age of forty to renew their license on the MVA website, at an MVA Kiosk, or by mail. Renewed licenses will not be issued over the counter at any MVA branch.

A person turning twenty-one must renew his/her license on the website, at the MVA kiosk, or by mail.

If the license is renewed on the website or at the MVA kiosk, the person will be provided a receipt, called an Interim License Document, by the MVA. **The interim license document, plus the person's vertical license, is then considered a valid form of identification for up to thirty (30) days.** The new, horizontal format license will be mailed to the person's home address in four to six days.

Where the person applies by mail, no interim license document will be issued. The person will receive the new, horizontal format license in four to six days.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR LICENSEES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES:

Even if a person goes to MVA on their birthday, they will not receive a horizontal formatted license. The person will **still** have a vertical license and an *interim license document* for up to six days.

- ✓ This change has eliminated the ability for a person turning twenty-one to immediately exchange their vertical license for the horizontal formatted license as soon as they turned twenty-one.
- ✓ The Board will still conduct compliance tests using underage purchasers with vertical licenses.
- ✓ The Board still encourages all licensees to refuse sale to those with vertical licenses and will support any licensee who continues to use this policy.

JOB WELL DONE!!!

On March 22, 2014, the Board inspectors, in cooperation with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, conducted an underage alcohol compliance test.

- ✓ Thirty-four (34) businesses were tested and a thirty-two (32) passed the test by refusing to sell an alcohol beverage to the eighteen year old purchaser.
- ✓ The passing rate for this test was 94%.

LICENSEE ALL-STARS

Five licensees visited in the most recent compliance test have gone more than ten years without a violation of any kind.

- ✓ Those licensees are:
 1. **Double T Diner**
 2. **Fallston Liquors**
 3. **Friendship Wine & Liquor**
 4. **Greenbrier Wine & Spirits**
 5. **Main Street Tower Restaurant and Lounge**

Heaters and Tents

When planning an event with a heated tent, you **MUST** contact the Maryland State Fire Marshal to make sure the heater conforms to the fire safety code.

GENERAL RULE... Heaters cannot be located under the tent canopy.

*For more information, contact:
State Fire Marshal's Office in
Bel Air at (410) 836-4844.*

Board inspectors are working with the
Harford County Sheriff's Office
conducting prom safety details in April
and May