



Compliance Test Results

The Liquor Board inspectors, in cooperation with the Bel Air Police Department, conducted an alcohol beverage compliance test on February 21, 2014. Twenty-eight of thirty-seven licensees correctly determined the cadet was not old enough to purchase alcohol beverages. Servers in eight of the other establishments failed to ask for his identification and sold or provided him with an alcohol beverage. In the remaining business, the server requested and examined his vertical license before making the sale.

Lessons: To the forty-eight businesses that passed the last two compliance tests – **Good Job and Keep Up the Good Work.** Of the twenty-two business that failed the tests, the servers did not ask for identification in eighteen of those establishments. The easiest, best, fastest way to determine a purchaser's age is to ask for identification. Everyone old enough to purchase alcohol beverages should have a government issued identification card. If you ask for ID on a regular basis, your customers will soon present it to you without being asked. Make it a habit in your business and your employees will learn as well.

ATTENTION LICENSEES - renewals

Renewal is not the time to inform the Board of changes to licensees, business or personal addresses, hours of operation, telephone numbers, etc. All licensees must inform the Board at the time these changes occur. Numerous changes on next year's renewal application could result in the application placed on hold while the changes are investigated and a delay in issuing your renewed license until after May 1st. Board Rules require that all such changes be reported to the Board promptly.

Licenses will be available for pickup on
April 24, 25, 28, 29, & 30
between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Compliance Test All-Stars

Of the businesses visited in the last compliance test, four are being recognized for outstanding records. **Pizza Hut** in Havre de Grace has not has an underage violation of any kind since the restaurant opened in 1976.

Wargo's Forest Hill Inn has not had a violation since 1983 and **Forty Liquors** and **Whiteford Pharmacy** have both gone more than ten years without a violation.

Employee Training

Due to the increasing demand for Server's Identification Training, the Board inspectors are going to start holding the training twice a month at the Liquor Board office. The monthly schedule for training will be available on the website. There will be one morning class and one evening class each month. If you have new employees, please utilize this resource to familiarize your employees with checking identification, Liquor Board Rules & Regulations, server's rights and responsibilities, and fake IDs. Please call ahead to sign up for the training. The inspectors will also be available for training at your establishment for a minimum of fifteen employees.