



Changes to Maryland Driver's Licenses

As of January 1, 2014, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) began issuing Maryland driver's licenses and identification cards to applicants who are in the State illegally or who cannot prove their lawful immigration status. Such driver's licenses and identification cards will be marked with the words NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES across the top of the identification document and will carry a U restriction. These documents will not be valid as identification for commercial air travel or admission to federal buildings. Additionally, the documents do not appear to be valid for the purchase of age restricted products. The purchase of alcohol is not addressed directly but Maryland law prohibits these individuals from purchasing firearms with documents marked NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES, presumably because they have not had to prove their age to receive the license or identification card. As with all questions concerning identification, it is up to each licensee to ensure all purchasers are over the age of twenty-one and institute a policy that will best meet that goal. All of this information, and more, is available on the attached information sheet, which is also available directly from the MVA website. According to the MVA, more than 13,000 people have applied for licenses under this law by January 9th so the chance that you will encounter them is good.

Alcohol Awareness Training

Information and links to alcohol awareness trainers is available on the Liquor Board website. The annual renewal period is a good time to review the alcohol awareness training status of your employees. January and February are good months to send employees for training.

2014 I.D. Checking Guide will be available in February. See the Liquor Board website for information and link.

License Renewal & Meeting Schedule

January 17, 2014:

- Last day for submitting supplemental applications to make changes to current licenses.

License Renewal Applications:

- Mailed to all licensees during the last week in January.
- Advise the Board office if you have a new address.

Attention: Make sure all information on Renewal Application is true and correct; submit any documents to verify any changes, to include address.

January 22, 2014:

- Proposed legislation to be presented for final approvals, during Board Meeting (3pm).

January 29, 2014:

- Proposed changes to decrease renewal fines to be presented during Board Meeting (3pm).

March 14, 2014:

- **Last day to turn in renewal applications without incurring a \$200 late fee.**

Remember: License renewal applications must include the \$45 processing fee.

April 24, 2014:

- **License pick up will begin.** No license will be released until paid in full. **All current licenses expire, midnight on April 30, 2014.**