

# HOUSE BILL 844

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcohol Awareness Program – Absence From Licensed**  
3 **Premises**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved  
5 alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or  
6 business reason under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic  
7 beverages in Frederick County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 20–1903

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. \_\_\_\_)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General  
13 Assembly of 2016)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 20–1903.

18 (a) (1) The individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program  
19 may be absent from the licensed premises for **A PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** an  
20 emergency if:

21 (i) the **PERSONAL OR BUSINESS REASON OR** emergency meets  
22 standards that the Board sets by regulation; and

23 (ii) the absence lasts for not more than 2 hours.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)     The Board shall require the license holder to keep a log book on the  
2 licensed premises that documents each temporary absence, the length of time of the  
3 absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form that the Board requires.

4           (b)     A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

5                   (1)     for a first offense, a \$100 fine; and

6                   (2)     for each subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 or a suspension  
7 or revocation of the license or both.

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2016.