

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MARYLAND RETAIL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS



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### ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING LAW

#### THE REQUIREMENT - (see Article 2B, Subsection 13-101 for specific language)

- On & Off-premise retail alcohol beverage establishments are required to maintain at least one licensee or designated employee who has been currently certified in an approved alcohol awareness training program. The certified person is not required to be on-premise at all times, except in Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington & Wicomico Counties.
- **In Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington & Wicomico Counties Only:** Establishments are currently required to have a certified licensee, or a certified person employed in a supervisory capacity designated by the licensee, present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold. **In Wicomico County, Class C licensed establishments are exempt from the requirement to have a certified representative present at all times. (Note – Calvert County & City of Annapolis Rules and Regulations require a certified person on premises at all times when alcohol is sold or served.)**
- Certification must be renewed every four years to remain current.
- Temporary licenses and class E - steamboat, class F- railroad, and class G - aircraft licenses are exempt from this mandate. (Note - St. Mary's County Rules and Regulations require temporary licensees to comply with all licensee rules and regulations.)
- **Failure to have a certified representative may result in license renewal delays, as well as, fines, suspensions or even revocation of your retail alcohol beverage license.**

#### HOW TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT

MSLBA *Educational Resources* (MSLBA *ER*) offers the TAM®, Techniques of Alcohol Management®, program. The MSLBA *ER* TAM® program is the leading alcohol awareness training program in Maryland and has been approved by the Comptroller for meeting the requirements of the alcohol awareness training law. A local MSLBA *ER* TAM® seminar is available to meet your needs. A current schedule, inclusive of a registration form is enclosed. **The MSLBA *ER* TAM® schedule is updated and published in the monthly Beverage Journal. The schedule is also available on the Web—visit [www.mslba.org](http://www.mslba.org) then click “server training”.** MSLBA *ER* also offers in-house seminars.

MSLBA*ER* provides a TAM® certificate and card for completion of their seminar. Certifications are recorded and a duplicate can be provided in the event that you misplace it. If you have any questions, need a duplicate TAM® certificate, or if would like additional information about in-house TAM® seminars, *please feel free to contact the MSLBA *ER* office.*