



HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD NOTES FROM THE INSPECTOR



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Notes from the Inspector

As the Holiday season rapidly approaches, I am aware that this is the busy season for many licensees. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Chief Inspector of the Harford County Liquor Control Board. I have already met many of you through the course of my normal visits/inspections. My name is Dan Buchler. I am a 30-year law enforcement veteran with both the Baltimore County Police Department and the Harford County Sheriff's Office. I have also been a resident of Harford County for over 30 years. I look forward to working with each of you and assisting you in any way that is possible to maintain compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Code and HCLCB Rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

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Alcohol Awareness Training Certification

This has been an area of emphasis during the current quarter during routine inspections. Although the compliance rates have been very good during these inspections, there still continue to be licensees who are not in compliance with AB 4-505(f); AB 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 (a) (c) which requires the designee of the responsible operator to be in compliance with Alcohol Awareness Certification requirements. Let this serve as a reminder to licensees to ensure that they are in compliance.

Sales to Minors

Underage Compliance testing failure rates have improved considerably. This is a very important issue that is enforced to maintain the health and safety of the Harford County Community. There is always another underage compliance test being planned and I am hopeful that we can see 100% compliance.

THC and CBD Infused Food and Beverages

It has come to my attention that a company from out of state has been visiting licensees marketing a THC infused, alcohol-free seltzer beverage. Per the Harford County Health Department, as of now, the FDA and State Health Department have not granted approval for any CBD or THC infused food or drinks (alcoholic or otherwise). Offering such items for sale in your business may be a violation of Harford County Liquor Control Board Rule 3:07(b), which is as follows:

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(b) A license holder shall operate his or her establishment at all times in accordance with the applicable requirements of any governmental agencies; including, but not limited to the Board, the Harford County Health Department, the State Fire Marshal's Office, Harford County Government, and any municipal governments, as well as the requirements of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

This page can provide more information:

https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/CBD_in_Foods.aspx

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you.

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