



STATE OF MARYLAND FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD



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EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN

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The purpose of the monthly Educational Bulletin is to educate licensees on trending non-compliance items that are being seen during inspections. If you have any questions, please contact us at 301-600-2984 or

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1. **Renewal**-The renewal season is quickly approaching. All licenses renew between January and April regardless of when it was issued. Renewal applications will be emailed the end of January. Make sure your email address is up to date. If you have any changes on your license, please contact our office immediately to make changes before the renewal period begins. New this year, the renewal application fee has increased from \$100 to \$150. You will also need to submit your corporate tax return for 2022-Schedule G or K showing ownership percentage breakout. All other information can be redacted.
2. **Fusion/Infusion of Alcohol**-Just a reminder, if you are pre-mixing alcohol and storing it, the container must be labeled with the contents and date of the fusion or infusion. The mixed alcohol shall not be stored for more than three (3) days.
§6.15-Fused or infused alcohol shall not be stored for more than three (3) days. The fused or infused alcohol cannot be stored in an original container. The container must be labeled with the contents and date the fusion or infusion occurred.
3. **Outside Alcohol and Raffles**-During this time of year, your establishment may be hosting many holiday parties for businesses, and other organizations. These organizations may want to raffle a gift basket containing alcohol that they purchased. Please understand that this is acceptable only if your establishment completes a [Raffle Request](#) form 14 days prior to the raffle (§6.20), receive approval from the Board, and not permit consumption of these items on your licensed premises (§7.2). Please note, a “Raffle” is an exchange of money for a “chance” to win (no money is being exchanged for alcohol). An “Auction” however guarantees a single highest bidder the sale of the alcohol, no chance is involved and therefore, not permissible.
4. **Meet the Maker**-If a licensee wants to bring an “offsite” manufacturer to their licensed premise, that manufacturer can feature and do a tasting of their products. The manufacturer cannot sell their products on your licensed premise. The manufacturer can take orders and have a “pickup” off your licensed premise. That could mean the pickup occurs at their location OR any other place if it does not occur on your licensed premise. The manufacturers know what they are allowed to do as far as transport of alcohol and how they handle that. If they choose to stock it in their van, we cannot control that. What you can control is No outside alcohol is sold from the manufacturer on your licensed premise. If your establishment wants to host a “Meet the Maker” event, notification is required to the Board 14 days in advance.
5. **Sales to Minor Compliance Initiative**-Compliance checks will be conducted randomly at all licensed establishments in Frederick County throughout 2024. The goal is to reduce youth access to alcohol and protect public health, welfare, and safety within our community. These random compliance checks are performed with an underage volunteer, that possess their valid, state-issued driver's license or identification card, which is provided to every establishment who asks for identification. If the server/clerk asks the individual their age, the volunteer is required to reply truthfully.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS CLASS

Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 9:00AM

In-Person at Springhill Suites

111 Byte Drive, Frederick MD 21702

To register for this class, contact us at

LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov or 301-600-2984

Limited-Virtual Class

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:30AM

To register for this class, submit a [registration form](#).

Fee is \$50/person for all classes. Cash/Check/Credit Card are accepted.