



# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGISTRATION OF KEGS

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## **I. KEG REGISTRATION - LICENSED SELLERS**

### **Maryland Code, Article 27, Section 147A**

The law creates a civil penalty for the sale, offer for sale, transfer or offer to transfer of a beer keg that does not have affixed to it a state-issued registration form bearing the following information:

- A. Name, address, and registration number of the licensed seller;
- B. Purchaser's name and address as listed on the identification displayed to the seller by the purchaser; and,
- C. Date of purchase.

The registration form must remain affixed to the keg until it is returned to the seller, or in the case of a disposable keg, until the keg is disposed of. The disposable nature of the keg must be indicated on the registration form by the seller.

The seller is required to retain a copy of the registration form for 30 days. The existence of a completed registration form signed by the purchaser creates a presumption that the seller has complied with the law.

"Keg" is defined as a container of beer with a capacity of at least four gallons, designed to dispense beer directly from the container.

## **II. PENALTY & ENFORCEMENT**

A licensed seller who violates the provisions of this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$100 and/or a suspension or revocation of the alcoholic beverage license. The Board of License Commissioners is responsible for assessing penalties.

Officers who encounter violations of this section should document the circumstances in an incident report. Write "Liquor Board" across the top of the report form. Central Records will forward a copy of the report to the Board of License Commissioners.

**III. KEG REGISTRATION - INDIVIDUALS**

**Maryland Code, Article 27, Section 401B**

No person may knowingly possess a keg (as defined above) that has not been registered or does not have a registration form attached to it. A person may not remove, alter, obliterate, or allow the removal, alteration, or obliteration of, a registration form that is affixed to a keg.

A person may not permit an individual under the age of 21 to consume any of the contents of a keg purchased by that person.

**IV. PENALTY & ENFORCEMENT**

Violations of Section 401B are civil offenses. Officers should issue violators a Maryland Civil Citation and check the second block, indicating the person must appear for trial, and that the court may impose a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense, or \$1,000 for second or subsequent offenses.

**V. PROPONENT UNIT:** CID Persons.

**VI. CANCELLATION:** None. Prior date: 10-01-94.