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To: Alcohol Awareness Instructors, Program Permit Holders

Subject: Alcohol Awareness Programs

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Bureau has been experiencing several problems with respect to the alcohol awareness training provided by alcohol awareness instructors. The problems include failure to hold the proper state permit, failure to provide the hours of class room training as certified by the Comptroller, and other related problems. Problems such as these are being handled by this office on a case by case basis and have resulted in suspensions and fines.

As a result of this experience, the Comptroller of Maryland is considering issuing a new regulation affecting alcohol awareness programs and instructors, as authorized under section 13-101, of Article 2B, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Such a regulation would be aimed at addressing the types of problems mentioned above.

The intent is to issue such a regulation later this year. As part of the normal regulatory adoption process, you will have a formal thirty day period during which you can make comments on the proposed regulation, once it appears in the Maryland register.

At this time, we are asking for your preliminary comments and/or suggestions, so that they could be considered for incorporation into the draft of the regulation. Please forward your comments in writing to the attention of Dan Adams within 30 days of this notice.

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Director