

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBLE SERVER AND SALES TRAINING PROGRAM; REQUIRING TWO TRAINING PROGRAMS RELATED TO WHETHER THE SERVER IS EMPLOYED AT A LICENSED LOCATION WHERE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED; REQUIRING THAT A PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES ONLY PROVIDING OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION MUST TAKE LESS TIME; AND AMENDING SECTION 16-4-1006, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 16-4-1006, MCA, is amended to read:

**"16-4-1006. Responsible server and sales training program.** (1) ~~The Subject to subsection (2), the~~ department shall certify all server and sales training programs that include the following:

- (a) effects of alcohol on the human body;
- (b) information, including criminal, civil, and administrative penalties, related to 27-1-710 and this code;
- (c) procedures for checking identification;
- (d) procedures for gathering proper documentation that may affect the licensee's liability;
- (e) training for skills to handle difficult situations and to learn evaluation techniques regarding intoxicated persons or others that pose potential liability;

- (f) a final test; and
  - (g) a certificate of completion, which must be provided to participants who pass the final test.
- (2) The department shall certify two classes of training programs based on the nature of

employment of the individual as follows:

- (a) programs for employees of licensed locations that provide for on-premises consumption; and
- (b) programs for employees of licensees that only provide for off-premises consumption. A training

1 program under this subsection (2)(b) must be completed within at least half of the time for programs under  
2 subsection (2)(a).

3 ~~(2)(3)~~ The department may not provide a responsible server and sales training program."  
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5 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026.

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