

SENATE BILL 80

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 8, 2011

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tree Expert License – Application and Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain tree expert application and license renewal fees;
4 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to set certain tree expert
5 application and license renewal fees by regulation; authorizing the Department
6 to establish a timetable and procedure for tree expert license renewal by
7 regulation; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
8 tree expert licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 5–419
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 5–419.

18 (a) An applicant shall pay to the Department at the time of making
19 application, a fee [of \$30. An applicant who fails any examination, shall pay an

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 additional fee of \$20 for each subsequent examination the applicant takes] **SET BY**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS**
3 **OF PROCESSING THE APPLICATION.**

4 (b) (1) A tree expert license shall be renewed [annually] **IN**
5 **ACCORDANCE WITH A TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY THE**
6 **DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION.**

7 (2) A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay [a
8 \$10 annual renewal fee] **A FEE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION IN AN**
9 **AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS OF PROCESSING THE LICENSE RENEWAL.**

10 (c) Fees the Department receives shall be paid into the State Treasury for
11 the Department’s use. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the number of
12 licenses issued and the receipts and expenses under Part III of this subtitle during
13 each fiscal year.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
16 September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
17 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.