

Chapter 20

(Senate Bill 80)

AN ACT concerning

Tree Expert License – Application and Renewal

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

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

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

Article – Natural Resources

5–419.

(a) An applicant shall pay to the Department at the time of making application, a fee [of \$30. An applicant who fails any examination, shall pay an additional fee of \$20 for each subsequent examination the applicant takes] **SET BY THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS OF PROCESSING THE APPLICATION.**

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

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

(c) Fees the Department receives shall be paid into the State Treasury for the Department's use. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the number of

licenses issued and the receipts and expenses under Part III of this subtitle during each fiscal year.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.