

HOUSE BILL 572

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By: **Delegates Beidle and Frush**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 20, 2013

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Tree Expert License – Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the number of years of a certain apprenticeship period
4 that may qualify an individual for a tree expert license; requiring a licensed tree
5 expert to complete a certain professional development curriculum to qualify for
6 license renewal; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act;
7 providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally
8 relating to tree expert license qualifications.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 5–418 and 5–419
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 5–419
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume)
19 (As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)

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

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 **Article – Natural Resources**

2 5–418.

3 (a) The Department may examine an applicant for license as a tree expert
4 and pass upon the competence of the applicant. It shall issue a “tree expert” license to
5 any applicant, who:

6 (1) Pays the fee provided in § 5–419 of this subtitle;

7 (2) Has attained 18 years of age;

8 (3) (i) Has had 2 years of approved college education in forestry,
9 arboriculture, horticulture, applied agricultural sciences, or the equivalent education
10 and a minimum of 1 year of experience with a licensed tree expert in Maryland or with
11 an acceptable tree expert company in another state; or

12 (ii) For at least ~~5~~ **3** years immediately preceding the date of
13 application has been engaged continuously in practice as a tree expert with a licensed
14 tree expert in Maryland or with an acceptable tree expert company in another state;
15 and

16 (4) Has passed the examination given by the Department.

17 (b) Every licensee shall carry and show proof of liability and property
18 damage insurance, in the form and amount required by the Department at the time it
19 issues the license. The licensee shall maintain the insurance protection for the period
20 the license is in effect.

21 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~
22 ~~October 1, 2013.~~

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24 read as follows:

25 **Article – Natural Resources**

26 5–419.

27 (a) An applicant shall pay to the Department at the time of making
28 application, a fee set by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the
29 costs of processing the application.

30 (b) (1) A tree expert license shall be renewed in accordance with a
31 timetable and procedure established by the Department by regulation.

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1 Assembly of 2011. If the effective date of Chapter 20 is amended, Section 3 of this Act
2 shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 20.

3 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
4 of Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.