

# SENATE BILL 211

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By: **Senator Shank**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Tree Experts – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a licensed tree expert from supervising more than one  
4 company that provides tree expert services; making stylistic changes; and  
5 generally relating to tree experts.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 5–423  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 5–423.

15 (a) A person may not:

16 (1) ~~[solicit]~~ **SOLICIT**, advertise, or represent the person to the public as a  
17 tree expert, or assume to practice as a tree expert without having received a license;  
18 **[or]**

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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 (2) [after] **AFTER** having received the license and subsequently losing  
2 it by revocation or suspension continue to practice as a tree expert; or

3 (3) [use] **USE** the title or abbreviation “L.T.E.” or any other words,  
4 letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate that the person is a licensed tree expert or  
5 a tree expert without having received a license, or when the license has been revoked  
6 or suspended.

7 (b) **A LICENSED TREE EXPERT MAY NOT SUPERVISE MORE THAN ONE**  
8 **COMPANY THAT PROVIDES TREE EXPERT SERVICES.**

9 (c) If the owner of a tree employs any person to engage in the practice of a  
10 “licensed tree expert” as provided in § 5–415 of this subtitle, the owner is not subject to  
11 this penalty.

12 [(c)] (d) A person may not advertise that the person can provide tree  
13 services, including treatment, care, or removal of trees, unless the advertisement  
14 includes:

15 (1) The license number of the licensed tree expert advertising tree  
16 services in one of the following forms: “Licensed Tree Expert No.\_\_\_\_” or “L.T.E.  
17 No.\_\_\_\_”; or

18 (2) A statement that all tree services are limited to trees 20 feet tall or  
19 less.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.