

HOUSE BILL 291

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By: **Delegate Parrott**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

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 and 2013 Supplement)

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
17 as a tree expert, or assume to practice as a tree expert without having received a
18 license; [~~or~~]

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

21 (3) [~~use~~] **USE** the title or abbreviation “L.T.E.” or any other words,
22 letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate that the person is a licensed tree expert or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 a tree expert without having received a license, or when the license has been revoked
2 or suspended.

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

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

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

11 (1) The license number of the licensed tree expert advertising tree
12 services in one of the following forms: “Licensed Tree Expert No.____” or “L.T.E.
13 No.____”; or

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2014.