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By: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning		

- 2 Tree Expert License Application and Renewal Repeal of Sunset Provision
- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision of certain provisions of law relating
- 4 to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; and generally relating to
- 5 tree expert licenses.

- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 7 Article Natural Resources
- 8 Section 5–419
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
- 13 Section 2
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 15 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 application,
- 19 a fee set by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the costs of processing
- 20 the application.
- 21 (b) (1) A tree expert license shall be renewed in accordance with a timetable
- 22 and procedure established by the Department by regulation.



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- 1 (2) A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay a fee set 2 by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the costs of processing the 3 license renewal.
- 4 (3) After September 1, 2017, to qualify for the renewal of a tree expert 5 license, a licensed tree expert shall complete the professional development curriculum 6 established by the Department by regulation.
- 7 (c) Fees the Department receives shall be paid into the State Treasury for the 8 Department's use. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the number of licenses 9 issued and the receipts and expenses under Part III of this subtitle during each fiscal year.

Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2011

- 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.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.