Chapter 87

# (House Bill 65)

## AN ACT concerning

### Tree Expert License - Application and Renewal - Repeal of Sunset Provision

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision of certain provisions of law relating to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; and generally relating to tree expert licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-419

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011

Section 2

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 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 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 fee set by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the costs of processing the license renewal.
- (3) After September 1, 2017, to qualify for the renewal of a tree expert license, a licensed tree expert shall complete the professional development curriculum established by the Department by regulation.
- (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.

### 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.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.