

# SENATE BILL 217

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Tree Services – Advertising**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from advertising certain tree services unless  
4 certain information is included in the advertisement; and generally relating to  
5 advertising and tree services.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 5–423  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 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: (1) solicit, advertise, or represent the person to the  
16 public as a tree expert, or assume to practice as a tree expert without having received  
17 a license; or (2) after having received the license and subsequently losing it by  
18 revocation or suspension continue to practice as a tree expert, or; (3) use the title or  
19 abbreviation “L.T.E.” or any other words, letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate  
20 that the person is a licensed tree expert or a tree expert without having received a  
21 license, or when the license has been revoked or suspended.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT ADVERTISE THAT THE PERSON CAN PROVIDE**  
2 **TREE SERVICES, INCLUDING TREATMENT, CARE, OR REMOVAL OF TREES,**  
3 **UNLESS THE ADVERTISEMENT INCLUDES:**

4                   **(1) THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE LICENSED TREE EXPERT**  
5 **ADVERTISING TREE SERVICES IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: “LICENSED**  
6 **TREE EXPERT No.\_\_\_\_” OR “L.T.E. No.\_\_\_\_”; OR**

7                   **(2) A STATEMENT THAT ALL TREE SERVICES ARE LIMITED TO**  
8 **TREES 20 FEET TALL OR LESS.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2009.