

**HB0572/660512/1**

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 572

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “license;” insert “requiring a licensed tree expert to complete a certain professional development curriculum to qualify for license renewal; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; in line 8, after “5-418” insert “and 5-419”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-419

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

(As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 10 and 11 and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, 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.

(Over)

(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.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, 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 of \$30. An applicant who fails any examination, shall pay an additional fee of \$20 for each subsequent examination the applicant takes.

(b) (1) A tree expert license shall be renewed annually. A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay a \$10 annual renewal fee.

**(2) 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.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Section 3 of this Act. If Section 3 of this Act takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016, the effective date of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011. If the effective date of Chapter 20 is amended, Section 3 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 20.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013."