

HOUSE BILL 572

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By: **Delegates Beidle and Frush**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Tree Expert License – Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the number of years of a certain apprenticeship period
4 that may qualify an individual for a tree expert license; and generally relating
5 to tree expert license qualifications.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 5–418
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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 5–418.

15 (a) The Department may examine an applicant for license as a tree expert
16 and pass upon the competence of the applicant. It shall issue a “tree expert” license to
17 any applicant, who:

18 (1) Pays the fee provided in § 5–419 of this subtitle;

19 (2) Has attained 18 years of age;

20 (3) (i) Has had 2 years of approved college education in forestry,
21 arboriculture, horticulture, applied agricultural sciences, or the equivalent education
22 and a minimum of 1 year of experience with a licensed tree expert in Maryland or with
23 an acceptable tree expert company in another state; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) For at least [5] 3 years immediately preceding the date of
2 application has been engaged continuously in practice as a tree expert with a licensed
3 tree expert in Maryland or with an acceptable tree expert company in another state;
4 and

5 (4) Has passed the examination given by the Department.

6 (b) Every licensee shall carry and show proof of liability and property
7 damage insurance, in the form and amount required by the Department at the time it
8 issues the license. The licensee shall maintain the insurance protection for the period
9 the license is in effect.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2013.