Chapter 101

(House Bill 582)

AN ACT concerning

Licensed Tree Experts - Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring a licensed tree expert to provide certain notice to the Department of Natural Resources of the status of any company that engages in the business or work of the treatment, care, or removal of trees under the <u>tree expert's</u> license and of the liability and property damage insurance <u>and workers' compensation insurance</u> carried by each company; and generally relating to required notifications by licensed tree experts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-417

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-417.

- (A) (1) A person may not engage in the work or business of a tree expert without a license issued under the provisions of this part.
- (2) An employee under the supervision of a licensed tree expert may not be required to have a license in the name of the employee.
- (B) A LICENSED TREE EXPERT SHALL WITHIN A TIME PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY OF:
- (1) ANY COMPANY THAT ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OR WORK OF THE TREATMENT, CARE, OR REMOVAL OF TREES FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE TREE EXPERT'S LICENSE, AND ANY CHANGES TO THAT STATUS; AND
- (2) THE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIED BY #ANY COMPANY THAT

ENGAGES OR WORKS UNDER THE $\underline{\text{TREE EXPERT'S}}$ LICENSE, AND ANY CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.