



# Maryland Arborist Association, Inc.

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## **SB 0290 – Natural Resources - Roadside Tree Removal Permit Notification Act**

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment  
MAA Position: **OPPOSED**

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The Maryland Arborist Association, Inc. (MAA) works to promote the importance of proper tree care, education in the field of arboriculture, and support the accomplishments of arborists. Our membership of Licensed Tree Experts is, in many instances, performing the care and maintenance of roadside trees and would be tremendously affected by their expected responsibilities in SB0290.

The majority of the membership of the MAA is made up of small, privately owned businesses. As private businesses, it would be especially onerous to identify owners and mailing addresses for properties abutting and adjacent to a property subject to a roadside tree permit application. For small businesses already experiencing labor constraints, this burden would be intensified by the need to establish processes for roadside tree permit applications to be posted online.

We have heard from our member companies that those without the resources to meet the requirements in this legislation would not provide roadside tree services. Without Licensed Tree Experts to care and maintain for roadside trees, they would fall into disrepair, which could result in bodily and property damage for Maryland drivers.

MAA does not oppose the goal of this legislation but rather the process by which it would be accomplished. We argue that the responsibility of notifying property owners and electronic posting applications should be delegated to the appropriate government agencies, which already have the resources and infrastructure in place to do so.

Due to the impact on Maryland's tree care industry, MAA requests your unfavorable report on SB290.

Sincerely,

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