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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 513 (Delegate Aumann, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

Natural Resources - Forest Harvesting - Public Notice of Process and Licensees

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to timely maintain and make available to the public on its website in a prominent manner (1) in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR), the list of and contact information for all licensed foresters in the State that are maintained by the State Board of Foresters; (2) a list of and contact information for all licensed forest product operators in the State; and (3) the application process and appropriate contact information for filing a forest harvest application in each county in the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Board of Foresters within DLLR licenses individuals to practice forestry and must keep a list of all licensed foresters that shows the name and place of business of each licensee. The board must provide a copy of the list to the public on request and biennially to each licensee and the Secretary of State.

A person engaged in a forest products business must have a forest product operator's license issued by DNR.

DNR's website currently includes various forestry-related information, including a list of licensed foresters and forest product operators.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Natural Resources; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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