

HOUSE BILL 65

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Requested: October 5, 2015

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tree Expert License – Application and Renewal – Repeal of Sunset Provision**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision of certain provisions of law relating
4 to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; and generally relating to
5 tree expert licenses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Natural Resources

8 Section 5–419

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011

13 Section 2

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 5–419.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) An applicant shall pay to the Department at the time of making application,
 2 a fee set by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the costs of processing
 3 the application.

4 (b) (1) A tree expert license shall be renewed in accordance with a timetable
 5 and procedure established by the Department by regulation.

6 (2) A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay a fee set
 7 by the Department by regulation in an amount not to exceed the costs of processing the
 8 license renewal.

9 (3) After September 1, 2017, to qualify for the renewal of a tree expert
 10 license, a licensed tree expert shall complete the professional development curriculum
 11 established by the Department by regulation.

12 (c) Fees the Department receives shall be paid into the State Treasury for the
 13 Department's use. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the number of licenses
 14 issued and the receipts and expenses under Part III of this subtitle during each fiscal year.

15 **Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2011**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 17 October 1, 2011. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
 18 September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
 19 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 21 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.