

sub-title "Forests and Parks", said new sections to be known as Sections 375A to ~~375E~~, 375D, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 375 thereof, and to be under the new sub-heading "Transportation of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Shrubs", relating to the transportation of trees and shrubs and requiring certain transporters of trees to carry a bill of sale invoice, or sworn statement of ownership and upon failure to do so, making such transporters subject to fine or imprisonment, ~~impoundment of trees and regulating their disposition.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~five~~ FOUR new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Forests and Parks", said new sections to be known as Sections 375A to ~~375E~~, 375D, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 375 thereof and to be under the new sub-heading "Transportation of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Shrubs", all to read as follows:

*Transportation of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Shrubs*

375A. *Except in trucks and trailers licensed for and engaged in interstate commerce, any person who drives or operates a truck, trailer, or other vehicle upon any public highway, road or street in this State for the purpose of transporting five or more trees, or one hundred pounds or more of boughs, of any species of pine, spruce, fir, hemlock, or other narrow-leafed or broad-leafed evergreen tree or shrub, shall have upon his person during such transporting, a bill of sale for such trees, shrubs or boughs signed by the owner or custodian of the lands from which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut or removed. Such bill of sale shall state the date of sale; the number and species of trees, or pounds and species of boughs, being transported; the number of the election district, the name of the county and state where such lands, from which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut and removed, are situated; and the proper postal address of the landowner or custodian. ~~IF~~ OR IF such trees or boughs have been obtained from a dealer in such goods, the bill of sale or invoice shall clearly show his name and the place of business from which the trees or boughs were obtained. This section does not apply to the transportation of trees, shrubs or boughs by the owner or custodian of lands from which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut or removed. OR BY THE AGENT OF SUCH OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.*

375B. *Whenever any trees, shrubs or boughs described in Section ~~372A~~ 375A of this sub-title are intended to be transported within this State by the owner or custodian of the lands from which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut or removed, a sworn statement of ownership OR BY THE AGENT OF SUCH OWNER OR CUSTODIAN, IDENTIFICATION OF SUCH OWNER, CUSTODIAN OR AGENT shall accompany such shipment. Such sworn statement of ownership shall state the number and species of trees, shrubs or boughs and the species of boughs being transported; the number of the election district, the name of the county and state where the lands from which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut or removed is situated; the dates on which such trees, shrubs or boughs were cut or removed; and the full name and proper postal address of the landowners or custodian of such lands.*