

under this subheading shall have such license revoked unless within six years from the receipt thereof he or she has become a citizen of the United States.

407.

If any person shall solicit, advertise, or represent himself or herself to the public *as a tree expert*, [as qualified to do any type of tree culture or care and as having received a license as provided for in this subheading,] or shall assume to practice as a [licensed certified] tree expert without having received [such] a license, *as provided for in this subheading*, or if any person having received such license shall thereafter lose the same by revocation or have the effect of the same suspended as provided for in this subheading and shall continue to practice as a [licensed certified] tree expert, or if any person shall use such title, or the abbreviation "L. [C.] T.E." or any other words, letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate that such person is a licensed [certified] tree expert *or a tree expert* without having received [such] a license, *as provided for in this subheading*, or when such license has been revoked or suspended, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for each offense by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Nothing in this subheading shall be construed [to prevent] *as imposing any penalty upon the owner of any tree or trees [from employing] who employs any person to trim the same.* [The purpose of this subheading is to make it unlawful for any person to hold himself out or misrepresent himself as a licensed certified tree expert unless he is licensed under this subheading.]

408.

The Commission may, in its discretion, [register the] *issue and grant a license [of] or otherwise authorize practice as a tree expert in Maryland to any person [who is not a resident of this State and] who is a lawful holder of a [licensed certified] tree expert license under the laws of another state which extends similar privileges to licensed [certified] tree experts of this State; provided, the requirements [of] for said [degree] license in the said state which has granted it [to the applicant] are, in the opinion of the Commission, at least equivalent to those [herein] provided for in Maryland.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 796

(House Bill 879)

AN ACT to add new Section 277 (n) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," sub-title "Recordation Tax," to follow im-