

(B) PROMULGATION OF RULES OF ETHICS.—THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES OF ETHICS AND TEMPORARILY SUSPEND FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS THE LICENSE OF ANY LICENSED TREE EXPERT WHO VIOLATES THE RULES OF ETHICS. THIS POWER OF SUSPENSION IS IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT IN LIMITATION OF, THE POWER TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A).

(C) HEARING PRIOR TO REVOCATION OF LICENSE.—A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER THE LICENSEE HAS A HEARING BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT. NOTICE OF THE CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION AND THE HEARING DATE SHALL BE SENT TO THE LICENSEE AT HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL AT LEAST 20 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING. THE NONAPPEARANCE OF THE LICENSEE AFTER THE REQUIRED NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN, DOES NOT PREVENT HOLDING THE HEARING.

(D) REINSTATEMENT OF REVOKED LICENSE.—THE DEPARTMENT MAY REISSUE ANY TREE EXPERT'S LICENSE PREVIOUSLY REVOKED UNDER RULES AND REGULATIONS IT PRESCRIBES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 406 of the Code. This section has been divided into five subsections for purposes of clarity. The provision concerning revocation of a license for lack of citizenship is proposed for deletion because citizenship is not a qualification for the license. See section 5-418. The only other changes made are in style.

5-422. RECIPROCITY.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE AND GRANT A LICENSE TO OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE AS A TREE EXPERT IN MARYLAND BY ANY PERSON WHO IS A LAWFUL HOLDER OF A TREE EXPERT LICENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE WHICH EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO LICENSED TREE EXPERTS OF THIS STATE. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE IN THE STATE WHICH HAS GRANTED IT MUST BE, IN THE OPINION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN MARYLAND.

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