

(b) A tree expert license shall be renewed annually. A person who holds a license and wishes to renew it shall pay a \$10 annual renewal fee.

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

5-420.

The Department shall prepare and conduct examinations as often as necessary, but at least once a year if there are any applicants. A candidate who has passed the examination in all but one of the subjects given may be reexamined in that subject only at any subsequent examination held, and if [he] THE CANDIDATE passes that subject [he] THE CANDIDATE is considered to have passed the examination. The Department, however, may decide to reexamine an unsuccessful candidate in every subject.

5-421.

(a) The Department may permanently revoke or temporarily suspend the license of any licensed tree expert who is found guilty of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the license, or guilty of negligence or wrongful conduct in the practice of tree culture or care.

(b) 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) 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] THE last known address OF THE LICENSEE 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) The Department may reissue any tree expert's license previously revoked under rules and regulations it prescribes.

5-422.

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.

5-423.

(a) A person may not: (1) solicit, advertise, or represent [himself] THE PERSON to the public as a tree expert, or assume to practice as a tree expert without