

interpreted to have any effect upon the incumbent members of the Board in office on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 305

(Senate Bill 121)

AN ACT concerning

Tree Expert License

FOR the purpose of altering the educational qualifications for a tree expert license; and generally relating to tree expert licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 5-418(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-418.

(a) The Department may examine an applicant for license as a tree expert and pass upon his competence. It shall issue a "tree expert" license to any applicant, who: (1) Pays the fee provided in § 5-419; (2) has attained his eighteenth birthday; (3) [has had four years of approved college education, preferably in forestry, landscaping, agriculture, or the equivalent; or has had sufficient professional experience in tree care to justify waiving the requirement of four years of college or an equivalent education; or for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his application been engaged continuously in practice as a tree expert; and] (I) HAS HAD 2 YEARS OF APPROVED COLLEGE EDUCATION IN FORESTRY, ARBORICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, APPLIED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, OR THE EQUIVALENT EDUCATION AND A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE WITH A LICENSED TREE EXPERT IN MARYLAND OR WITH AN ACCEPTABLE TREE EXPERT COMPANY IN ANOTHER STATE; OR (II) FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF HIS