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September 26, 2018

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 W. Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee 251 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Submission of Report on MD State Tree Expert Licensing program for Fiscal Year 2018

Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Report Authority: § 5-419 of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #10957)

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Barve:

We are pleased to provide you with the Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018. This report summarizes the activities of the Maryland Licensed Tree Expert Program and fulfills the requirement established in Natural Resources Article § 5-419, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2018.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact DNR's Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Allison Cordell, directly at 410-260-8112, or by email at Allison.cordell@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Belton Secretary

Enclosure

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Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing Annual Report Natural Resources Article § 5-419(c)

Annual Report

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 (MSAR #10957)

Submitted by: Mark J. Belton Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Submitted to: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee Joan Carter Conway, Chair

House Environment and Transportation Committee Kumar P. Barve, Chair

Introduction

Natural Resources Article § 5-419.(c) (Tree Expert Licensing Laws) states that the Secretary shall submit an annual report on:

- (1) The number of licenses issued;
- (2) The program receipts; and,
- (3) The program expenses for each fiscal year (1957, art 66C, sec. 405; 1973, 1st Sp. Sess., ch. 4, sec. 1.)

Number of Licenses Issued

The Department both renewed and issued new licenses for a total of 1,275 licenses.

Program Receipts

Revenues posted to Source Code 5340, Tree Expert Licenses, total: \$14,654.00

Revenue sources include examination fees and license renewal fees.

Program Expenses

An Administrative Specialist (Grade 12, Step 17) 40% of time, total: \$20,483 Program expenses, total: \$1,300

Total: \$21,783

Please note that Program Supervisor salary and investigative costs from MD Forest Service and Natural Resources Police are not included in these figures.





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