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Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary

October 7, 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

Re: Submission of Report on Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing program for Fiscal Year 2019
Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Report Authority: § 5-419 of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #10957)

Dear Senator Pinsky and Delegate Barve:

We are pleased to provide you with the Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing Annual Report for FY19. 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 FY19.

If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact James W. McKittrick, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services at 443-510-5013 or jamesw.mckittrick@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annual Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
(MSAR #10957)

Submitted by:

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Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Submitted to:

Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
Paul Pinsky, Chair

House Environment and Transportation Committee
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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;
- (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 issued 91 new licenses during the fiscal year. At the end of the calendar year, 1,189 licenses were renewed. (Licensees are renewed by December each year).

Some licensees (106) were not able to renew their license because they failed to obtain the required eight continuing education credits. Others (39) either did not submit their renewal paperwork or were ineligible due to outstanding issues with the Comptroller's Office.

Program Receipts

Revenues posted to Source Code 5340, Tree Expert Licenses, **total: \$22,255.00**

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 Maryland Forest Service and Natural Resources Police are not included in these figures.