



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

Annual Report

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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; 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

At the end of the calendar year, 646 licenses (odd numbered) were renewed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for a total of 1,331 Licensed Tree Experts (LTEs). Licenses are renewed every two years - odd in odd numbered years, even in even numbered years. The Department also issued 61 new licenses during the fiscal year.

Approximately two hundred (200) tree care workers were not eligible to renew their licenses because they did not obtain the required eight continuing education credits and/or were ineligible to renew due to outstanding issues with the Comptroller's Office. The department has noticed an improvement in the number of individuals who renew or retake the exam in following years.

Program Receipts

Revenues posted to Source Code 5340, Tree Expert Licenses: **\$18,366.**

Please note revenue sources include examination fees and license renewal fees.

Program Expenses

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

Total: \$21,783

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