

CHAPTER 226

(Senate Bill 217)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Tree Services – Advertising

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from advertising certain tree services unless certain information is included in the advertisement; and generally relating to advertising and tree services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–423
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

5–423.

(a) A person may not: (1) solicit, advertise, or represent the person to the public as a tree expert, or assume to practice as a tree expert without having received a license; or (2) after having received the license and subsequently losing it by revocation or suspension continue to practice as a tree expert, or; (3) use the title or abbreviation “L.T.E.” or any other words, letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate that the person is a licensed tree expert or a tree expert without having received a license, or when the license has been revoked or suspended.

(b) If the owner of a tree employs any person to engage in the practice of a “licensed tree expert” as provided in § 5–415, the owner is not subject to this penalty.

(C) A PERSON MAY NOT ADVERTISE THAT THE PERSON CAN PROVIDE TREE SERVICES, INCLUDING TREATMENT, CARE, OR REMOVAL OF TREES, UNLESS THE ADVERTISEMENT INCLUDES:

(1) THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE LICENSED TREE EXPERT ADVERTISING TREE SERVICES IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: “LICENSED TREE EXPERT NO.____” OR “L.T.E. NO.____”; OR

(2) A STATEMENT THAT ALL TREE SERVICES ARE LIMITED TO TREES 20 FEET TALL OR LESS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.