

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB913

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Purkey

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Regulation of arborists.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits any person from using the titles “arborist” and “consulting arborist” unless he possesses the proper certification. The bill provides for injunctive relief to restrain the invalid use of the titles and exempts any person who is not certified to perform arboriculture, defined as the specialized field involving the cultivation of trees and shrubs especially for ornamental purposes, if the person does not represent himself to the public as being an arborist or a consulting arborist.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill stipulates that no person shall refer to themselves as an “arborist” unless they hold a valid certification from the International Society of Arboriculture, or “consulting arborist” unless they hold a valid certification issued by the American Society of Consulting Arborists. The bill does not stipulate that this area of interest is to be regulated by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). Accordingly, DPOR anticipates that this bill will not have a significant fiscal impact on their agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Finance