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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1329, L.D. 1412, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Forester Registration and Licensing."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§5002." by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any person from managing or otherwise conducting forestry practices on land owned, leased, rented or held under any contractual arrangement by such person; nor shall anything herein prohibit any regular employee or official of any person, corporation, agency, institution or other entity from engaging in forestry practices on lands owned, leased, rented or held under any contractual arrangement by such person, corporation, agency or other entity; nor shall anything herein prohibit any graduate of a school of forestry recognized by the board from practicing forestry ; nor shall anything herein prohibit employees of a governmental agency from practicing for said governmental agency.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5003." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'2. Forestry. "Forestry" shall mean the science, the art and the practice of managing, harvesting and using primarily for human benefit, the natural resources which occur on and in association with forest land.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of those parts designated "§5004." and "§5005." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§5004. Board of registration

A State Board of Registration for Professional Foresters is established to administer the provisions of this chapter. The board shall consist of 5 professional foresters and one public member who shall be selected and appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and the forester members shall be qualified as required by section 5005. The 5 initial forester board members shall be appointed for terms of one, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years respectively and the initial public member shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. Upon expiration of the terms of any initial board member, the Governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, appoint members for a 5-year term. Each board member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which the member is appointed or until such member's successor is appointed and qualified.

§5005. Qualifications of board members

Each board member shall be a State of Maine resident and each forester member shall have graduated from a recognized school of forestry.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5009," by striking out everything after the first underlined sentence.

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5012," by striking out all of subsections 1, 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. School or college. Graduation from a curriculum in forestry of 4 years or more in a school or college approved by the board. Applicants who have not completed 4 years of formal education at an institution approved by the board may receive credit for one year's work experience for each year of successful academic work.'

'2. Engaged in the practice. Any person who shall have been engaged in the practice of professional forestry as defined in section 5003, subsection 3 for at least 4 years in a period of 8 years immediately preceding the effective date of this chapter shall be eligible for registration as a registered professional forester without reference to the provisions set forth in subsection 1, provided such person shall file an application with the board within 18 months of the effective date of this chapter.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5013," by inserting after the underlined figure "\$25" in the 10th line (9th line in L.D.) the underlined words 'for 2 years'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§5014."

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5016." by striking out in the 2nd line the underlined word "next" and inserting in place thereof the underlined/word '2 years'; and by striking out in the 8th line (7th line in L.D.) the underlined words "one year" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure and word '2 years'; and by striking out all of the 3rd and 4th underlined sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The board shall fix the renewal fee for licenses, which fee shall not exceed the sum of \$25 for 2 years. Renewal of licenses for the following 2 years may be effected at any time during the month of December of the year in which such license is due for renewal by payment of the renewal fee fixed by the board.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§5019." by inserting after the underlined words "any person" in the 7th line (6th line in L.D.) the underlined words 'alleged to have been defrauded'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering those sections designated "§5015." to "§5020." to be '§5014.' to '§5019.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to improve standards of forestry; prohibit unqualified practitioners and help insure proper forest management.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on State Government.

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