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S. P. 399

In Senate, March 14, 1979

On Motion of Senator Katz of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Senator Chapman of Sagadahoc.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Transfer the Board of Registration for Professional Foresters from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Business Regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 5004, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 490, is amended to read:

A State Board of Registration for Professional Foresters is established **within the Department of Business Regulation** to administer the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 5011-A, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 604, § 35 is amended to read:

On or before August 1st of each year, the board shall submit to the Commissioner of ~~Conservation~~ **Business Regulation**, for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30th, its annual report of its operations and financial position, together with such comments and recommendations as the ~~commission board~~ deems essential.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 5011-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 604, § 35, is amended to read:

§ 5011-B. Budget

The board shall submit to the Commissioner of ~~Conservation~~ **Business Regulation** its budgetary requirements in the same manner as is provided in Title 5, section 1665, and the commissioner shall in turn transmit these requirements to the Bureau of the Budget ~~without any revision, alteration or change.~~

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 5011-C is enacted to read:

§ 5011-C. Employees

The Commissioner of Business Regulation, with the advice and consent of the board, shall be empowered to appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, such employees as may be necessary to carry out this chapter. Any person so employed shall be located in the Department of Business Regulation and under the administrative and supervisory direction of the Commissioner of Business Regulation.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 5015 as enacted by PL 1975, c. 490, is amended by adding before the first paragraph, the following new paragraph:

The Central Licensing Division of the Department of Business Regulation shall compile and maintain a complete and up-to-date list of all licensed foresters in the State. The list shall be made available to any person upon request.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA § 5015, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 490 is amended to read:

It shall be the duty of the ~~secretary of the board~~ **Central Licensing Division** to notify, at his last registered address, every person registered under this chapter of the date of the expiration of his license and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal for 2 years, such notice to be mailed at least one month in advance of the date of the expiration of said license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will place the Board of Registration for Professional Foresters within the Department of Business Regulation rather than the Department of Conservation. The purpose of this independent board can be more effectively served and administered within the Central Licensing Division of the Department of Business Regulation, which is designed to house professional boards.