

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 15, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative REED of Falmouth and Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Strengthen the Licensing Requirements for Foresters.

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

3 32 MRSA §5012, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §184,
5 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7 §5012. General requirements for licensure

9 The minimum qualifications and requirements for licensure as
a licensed professional forester shall be as follows:

11 1. Education. Graduation from a curriculum in forestry of
13 4 years or more in a school or college approved by the board or
15 graduation from a postgraduate curriculum in forestry leading to
17 a degree higher than a bachelor's degree in a school or college
19 approved by the board. Applicants who have not graduated from
such a curriculum may substitute 2 years of experience in
forestry work of a character satisfactory to the board, including
the internship specified in subsection 2, for each year of the
undergraduate requirement of this section;

21 2. Internship. Beginning January 1, 1990, completion of a
23 2-year period as an intern under the personal supervision of a
25 licensed forester. The internship shall occur after completion
27 of at least 3 years of the approved curriculum as specified in
29 subsection 1 and may be substituted for one year of the
31 educational requirement. An internship shall not be required for
33 applicants who have graduated from an approved curriculum and
have completed at least 2 years of experience in forestry work of
a character satisfactory to the board. Interns shall register
with the board before beginning their internship periods. The
board shall specify by rule the guidelines for this internship
period; and

35 3. Examination. Beginning January 1, 1991, successful
37 completion, at any time, of a written examination, the content of
39 which shall be determined by the board. Examinations shall be
41 given at least twice each year. The board shall set a fee for
43 the examination sufficient only to cover costs related to it. In
45 some circumstances, as determined by the board, an oral
examination may be substituted for the written examination.

47 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

49 This bill establishes new requirements for the licensure of
51 professional foresters. A 2-year internship approved by the
State Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters will be
required for licensure beginning in 1990. Passage of a written
or oral exam will be required beginning in 1991.

1 Under the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
3 section 12005-A, a joint standing committee which makes a
5 recommendation to the Legislature for expansion of the functions
7 or jurisdiction of a licensing board shall submit a written
rationale to the Legislature for this recommendation following
the guidelines in the referenced section.