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FOR
H. B. 2867

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[Passed March 13, 1999; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article nineteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to general requirements and categories for licensing and registration of foresters; requiring rules; authorizing rules relating to a code of ethics.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section six, article nineteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 19. FORESTERS.

§30-19-6. General requirements and categories of licensure.

1 (a) The following is the minimum evidence required to
2 satisfy the board that the applicant is qualified for licensure and
3 entitled to use the title of “registered professional forester,”
4 “professional forester,” “forester” or other title connoting to the
5 general public that the applicant is a registered forester quali-
6 fied to perform professional forestry services:

7 (1) Graduation from a four-year degree program in profes-
8 sional forestry fro an accredited college or university plus two
9 years related experience in the field of forestry as defined by
10 rule of the board; or

11 (2) Graduation from a two-year technical forestry program
12 in a program recognized by the society of American foresters,
13 plus a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or univer-

14 sity and four years related experience in the field of forestry as
15 defined by rule of the board.

16 (b) The following is the minimum evidence required to
17 satisfy the board that the applicant is qualified for licensure and
18 entitled to use the title of “registered forestry technician” or
19 “forestry technician”: Graduation from a two-year technical
20 forestry program recognized by the society of American
21 foresters and four years related experience in the field of
22 forestry as defined by rule of the board.

23 (c) Evidence of graduation and completion of required
24 courses shall be presented by means of an official transcript
25 which shall be filed permanently with the board. Upon the
26 effective date of this section, the board may adopt an interpre-
27 tive rule pursuant to the provisions of article three, chapter
28 twenty-nine-a of this code, for the limited propose of providing
29 information and guidance to prospect applicants and the
30 public related to the qualifying experience considered accept-
31 able to the board pursuant to this section and to the job titles
32 acceptable for use by persons obtaining qualifying experience,
33 until such time as a legislative rule is made effective. On or
34 before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-
35 nine, the board shall propose for legislative approval pursuant
36 to the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this
37 code, rules authorized by this article and article one of this
38 chapter, which rules must include provisions relating to a code
39 of ethics for registered professional foresters and registered
40 forestry technicians.