

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 355 entitled “An act relating to licensing and regulating foresters”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, in 26 V.S.A. § 4904 (exemptions), in subdivision (1), by  
7 striking out “A person, business organization, or” and inserting in lieu thereof  
8 “An individual or a”

9 Second: In Sec. 2, in 26 V.S.A. § 4904 (exemptions), by striking out in its  
10 entirety subdivision (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 (3) The carrying out of forest practices as an employee of a forester  
12 when acting under the general supervision of that forester. As used in this  
13 subdivision, “general supervision” means the forester need not be on-site when  
14 the employee provides the forest practices, but shall maintain continued  
15 involvement in and accept responsibility for the aspects of each forest practice  
16 the employee performs.

17 Third: In Sec. 2, in 26 V.S.A. § 4921 (qualifications for licensure), by  
18 striking out in their entirety subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) and inserting in lieu  
19 thereof the following:

20 (1) Possession of a bachelor’s degree, or higher, in forestry from a  
21 program approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of two years of the

1 SAF Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF  
2 Certified Forester examination, which may include a State portion if required  
3 by the Director by rule.

4 (2) Possession of a bachelor’s degree, or higher, in a forestry-related  
5 field from a program approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of  
6 three years of the SAF Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage  
7 of the SAF Certified Forester examination, which may include a State portion  
8 if required by the Director by rule.

9 (3) Possession of an associate degree in forestry from a program  
10 approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of four years of the SAF  
11 Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF Certified  
12 Forester examination, which may include a State portion if required by the  
13 Director by rule.

14 Fourth: In Sec. 2, in 26 V.S.A. § 4924 (renewals), by striking out in its  
15 entirety subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 (c) As a condition of renewal, the Director shall require that a licensee  
17 establish that he or she has completed continuing education, as approved by the  
18 Director, of 24 hours for each two-year renewal period.

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