

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. § 4912 (advisor appointees), in subdivision
18 (a)(2), following “An appointee shall have not less than” by striking out “five”
19 and inserting in lieu thereof “ten”

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

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

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

14 (3) Possession of an associate degree in forestry from a program
15 approved by the Director, satisfactory completion of four years of the SAF
16 Certified Forester experience requirements, and passage of the SAF Certified
17 Forester examination, which may include a State portion if required by the
18 Director by rule.

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

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

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE