

1 SB145  
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3 By Senators Dixon, Barron, Little (T), and Figures  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the  
12 existence and functioning of the State Board of Registration  
13 for Foresters with certain modifications; to amend Section  
14 34-12-4, Code of Alabama 1975, so as to require that  
15 applicants for licensure be United States citizens or legally  
16 present in the United States.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the  
19 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the State Board  
20 of Registration for Foresters, with the additional  
21 recommendation for statutory change as set out in Section 3.

22 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the  
23 State Board of Registration for Foresters, created and  
24 functioning pursuant to Sections 34-12-1 to 34-12-37,  
25 inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued, and those code  
26 sections are expressly preserved.

1           Section 3. Section 34-12-4 of the Code of Alabama  
2 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3           "§34-12-4.

4           "(a) The following requirements shall be considered  
5 as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the  
6 applicant is qualified to practice forestry and to be  
7 registered and licensed pursuant to this chapter. Each  
8 applicant shall:

9           "(1) Hold a bachelors or higher degree from a school  
10 approved by the board or accredited by the Society of American  
11 Foresters in a forestry curriculum accepted by the board.

12           "(2) Have passed a written or oral examination, or  
13 both, designed to show the knowledge and skill obtained  
14 through graduation from the school or college.

15           "(3) Have a specific record of two years or more of  
16 experience in the practice of forestry of a nature  
17 satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is  
18 competent to practice forestry.

19           "(4) Be a person of good character and reputation.

20           "(5) Be a citizen of the United States or, if not a  
21 citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present  
22 in the United States with appropriate documentation from the  
23 federal government.

24           "(b) The board shall issue licenses only to those  
25 applicants who meet the requirements of this section."

1                   Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the  
2                   recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in  
3                   Sections 1, 2, and 3.

4                   Section 5. This act shall become effective  
5                   immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
6                   its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 31  
Nays 0

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Secretary