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House Bill 3072

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NOTE

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Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new
2 sections, designated §19-1A-7 and §30-19-18, both relating to permitting the Director of
3 the Division of Forestry to maintain a list of foresters in the state of West Virginia; allowing
4 for rulemaking; and establishing a sunset provision.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 19. AGRICULTURE.

ARTICLE 1A. DIVISION OF FORESTRY.

§19-1A-7. Maintaining a voluntary list of foresters; rulemaking.

1 (a) The Director of the Division of Forestry may maintain a list of foresters in this state
2 meeting the educational criteria to be considered a forester in this state and publish such list on
3 its website in a clear location. Any person who is or holds himself or herself out to be a forester
4 may submit information reasonably required by the director to cause his or her name to be placed
5 on a list maintained on the Division of Forestry's website. Nothing in this section requires the
6 director to place a person on a voluntary list.

7 (b) The division may prescribe rules pursuant to §29A-3-1 et seq., of this code relating to
8 forms and applications to be placed on the list and may prescribe a rule to collect a fee from any
9 person desiring to be placed on the list for the sole purpose of cost recovery.

CHAPTER 30. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.

ARTICLE 19. FORESTERS.

§30-19-18. Sunset provision; effective date.

10 The state Board of Registration of Foresters established in this article shall terminate on
11 June 30, 2022, unless continued by the Legislature. Pursuant to the provisions of §4-10-12 and
12 §4-10-13 of this code the board shall commence all necessary activities pertinent to the wind-up
13 of all board related activities. This section shall become effective July 1, 2021.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to sunset the Board of Registered Foresters and to permit the Division of Forestry to maintain a voluntary list of foresters in this state that consumers may search to engage in certain forest activities.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.