

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 169
SENATE BILL 578

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF CONSULTING FORESTERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 89B-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 89B-2. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter:

- (1) 'Board' shall mean the State Board of Registration for Foresters, provided for by this Chapter.
- (2) 'Forester' means a person who by reason of his special knowledge and training in natural sciences, mathematics, silviculture, forest protection, forest mensuration, forest management, forest economics, and forest utilization is qualified to engage in the practice of forestry as hereinafter defined.
- (3) 'Practicing' means giving professional forestry services, including but not limited to, consultation, investigation, evaluation, education, planning, or responsible supervision of any forestry activities requiring knowledge, and training in and experience of forestry principles and techniques.
- (4) 'Registered forester' means a person who has been registered pursuant to this Chapter.
- (5) 'Consulting forester' means a person who:
 - a. Is registered by the State Board of Registration for Foresters;
 - b. Is a technically educated professional forester who is a graduate of a forestry curriculum of a college or university and who holds a bachelor's or higher degree in forestry; or has shown equivalent knowledge by passing the written examination administered by the State Board of Registration for Foresters as provided in this Chapter;
 - c. Is governed by the Code of Ethics of the Society of American Foresters;
 - d. Is competent to practice forest management, appraisal, development, marketing, protection, and utilization for the benefit of the general public on a fee, contractual, or contingency basis;

- e. Has not engaged in any practice that constitutes a conflict of interest or in any way diminishes his ability to represent the best interests of his clients; and
- f. Has filed annually an affidavit with the State Board of Registration of Foresters attesting to his compliance with the conditions of this Chapter."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to applications for registration submitted on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of May, 1989.