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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF SOIL SCIENTISTS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to read:

5 **"CHAPTER 89F.**

6 **"NORTH CAROLINA SOIL SCIENTIST LICENSING ACT.**

7 **"§ 89F-1. Short title.**

8 This Chapter may be cited as the North Carolina Soil Scientist Licensing Act.

9 **"§ 89F-2. Purpose.**

10 The purposes of this Chapter are to protect life, property, health, and public welfare  
11 through the regulation of the practice of soil science in the State of North Carolina; to  
12 define the practice of soil science as a profession, establishing minimum professional  
13 standards of ethical conduct, professional responsibility, and required education and  
14 experience; and to prevent abuses of the practice of soil science by untrained or  
15 unprincipled individuals.

16 **"§ 89F-3. Definitions.**

17 As used in this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

18 (1) 'Board' means the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists.

- 1           (2) 'Good moral character' means character as tends to ensure the faithful  
2           discharge of the duties of the licensed soil scientist.
- 3           (3) 'License' means a certificate issued by the Board recognizing the  
4           individual named in this certificate as meeting the requirements for  
5           licensing under this Chapter.
- 6           (4) 'Professional soil scientist' means a person who is licensed as a soil  
7           scientist under this Chapter.
- 8           (5) 'Public practice of soil science' means any service or work, the adequate  
9           performance of which requires education in the physical, chemical, and  
10           biological sciences, as well as soil science; training and experience in  
11           the application of special knowledge of these sciences to the use and  
12           management of soils by accepted principles and methods; investigation,  
13           evaluation, and consultation, in which the performance is related to the  
14           public welfare for safeguarding of life, health, property, and the  
15           environment, except as specifically exempted. 'Public practice of soil  
16           science' includes, but is not limited to, investigating and evaluating the  
17           interaction between water, soil, nutrients, plants, and other living  
18           organisms which are used to prepare soil scientists' reports for:  
19           subsurface ground absorption systems, including infiltration galleries;  
20           land application of residuals such as sludge, septage, and other wastes;  
21           spray irrigation of wastewater; soil remediation at conventional rates;  
22           land application of agricultural products; and processing residues,  
23           bioremediation, and volatilization; soil erodibility and sedimentation;  
24           identification of hydric soil; and redoxomorphic features.
- 25           (6) 'Qualified soil scientist' means a person who possesses all of the  
26           qualifications specified in this Chapter for licensing, except that he or  
27           she is not licensed.
- 28           (7) 'Responsible charge of work' means the independent control and  
29           direction by the use of initiative, skill, and independent judgment of soil  
30           science work or the supervision of such work.
- 31           (8) 'Soil' means the site or environmental setting consisting of soil material,  
32           saprolite, weathered materials, and soil rock interface. 'Soil' includes  
33           the solid materials, waters, gases, and other biological, chemical, and  
34           contaminant materials in the soil environment.
- 35           (9) 'Soil science' means the science dealing with soils as an environmental  
36           resource. 'Soil science' includes the following tasks: soil  
37           characterization, classification, and mapping, and the physical,  
38           chemical, hydrologic, mineralogical, biological, and microbiological  
39           analysis of soil per se, and to its assessment, analysis, modeling, testing,  
40           evaluation, and use for the benefit of mankind when specifically  
41           required to complete the investigation and evaluation of interactions  
42           between water, soil, nutrients, plants, and other living organisms  
43           described in subdivision (5) of this section. 'Soil science' does not

1 include design or creative works, the adequate performance of which  
2 requires extensive geological, engineering, or land surveying education,  
3 training, and experience or requires licensing as a geologist under  
4 Chapter 89E of the General Statutes or as a professional engineer or  
5 land surveyor under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

6 (10) 'Soil scientist' or 'professional soil scientist' means a person who is  
7 trained and educated in soil science.

8 (11) 'Soil scientist-in-training' means a person who has taken and  
9 successfully passed the portion of the professional examination covering  
10 fundamental or academic soil science subjects, prior to his or her  
11 completion of the number of years of experience in soil science work as  
12 required by this Chapter.

13 (12) 'Subordinate' means any person who assists a professional soil scientist  
14 in the practice of soil science without assuming the responsible charge  
15 of work.

16 **"§ 89F-4. North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists.**

17 (a) The North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists is created. The  
18 North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists shall administer the provisions of  
19 this Chapter in compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

20 (b) The Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed as follows:

21 (1) One member appointed by the Governor, which member shall be a soil  
22 scientist employed by a federal or State agency.

23 (2) One member appointed by the Governor, which member shall be a soil  
24 scientist employed by a local government agency.

25 (3) One member appointed by the Governor, which member shall be a soil  
26 scientist employed by an institution of higher education.

27 (4) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation  
28 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which member shall be  
29 a soil scientist who is privately employed.

30 (5) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation  
31 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which member shall be  
32 a member of the public who is not a soil scientist.

33 (6) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation  
34 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, which member shall be a  
35 soil scientist who is privately employed.

36 (7) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation  
37 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, which member shall be a  
38 member of the public who is not a soil scientist.

39 (c) A majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Board business.  
40 Each member shall be selected from two nominees submitted by the Board for each  
41 appointment under subdivisions (1) through (7) of subsection (b) of this section.

1       (d) The Board may remove any member only for neglect of duty, malfeasance,  
2 violating a provision of this Chapter, conviction of a felony or other crime, or moral  
3 turpitude.

4       (e) Each member of the Board shall be a citizen of the United States and shall  
5 have been a resident of this State for at least six months immediately preceding his or her  
6 election.

7       (f) Members shall serve for three-year terms. No member shall serve more than  
8 two consecutive three-year terms without an interruption in service of at least one year.

9       (g) Each term of service on the Board shall expire on the thirty-first day of January  
10 of the year in which the term expires. The Board shall appoint a person for the remainder  
11 of the unexpired term, if a vacancy occurs.

12       (h) An ex officio member of the Board shall function as liaison with the Soil  
13 Science Society of North Carolina. This member will be appointed annually by the  
14 president of the Soil Science Society of North Carolina.

15       (i) Members of the Board may receive compensation for their services and be  
16 reimbursed annually for expenses incurred in the performance of duties required by this  
17 Chapter at the rates prescribed in G.S. 138-5, subject to the availability of funds.

18       (j) The Board may employ the necessary personnel for the performance of its  
19 functions and shall fix their compensation within the limits of funds available to the  
20 Board.

21 **"§ 89F-5. Duties of the Board.**

22       (a) The Board shall:

23           (1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

24           (2) Elect from its membership a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-  
25 Treasurer, and adopt rules to govern its proceedings.

26           (3) Examine and pass on the qualifications of all applicants for licensing  
27 under this Chapter and issue a license to each successful applicant.

28           (4) Hold a meeting within 30 days after its members are first elected and  
29 thereafter shall hold at least two regular meetings each year.

30           (5) Establish and receive fees as required by this Chapter. In establishing  
31 fees, the Board shall consider exemptions from fees or a reduction in  
32 licensing fees for those persons otherwise qualified for licensing under  
33 this Chapter, but who perform soil science work or services less than 15  
34 days per year.

35           (6) Adopt rules that establish standards or approve reasonable standards for  
36 licensing and renewal of licenses of soil scientists, including adopting  
37 examination materials and accreditation standards of any duly  
38 professionally recognized accrediting agency.

39           (7) Establish reasonable standards for continuing professional education for  
40 soil scientists. No examination shall be required for a renewal of a  
41 license.

1           (8) Have any other powers and duties as are necessary to implement the  
2           provisions of this Chapter and adopt any rules needed to implement this  
3           Chapter.

4           (b) The Board may adopt a seal which may be affixed to all licenses issued by the  
5 Board.

6           (c) The Board may authorize expenditures deemed necessary to carry out the  
7 provisions of this Chapter and all expenses shall be paid upon the warrant of the Board  
8 Secretary-Treasurer. The Board Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit funds received by the  
9 Board in one or more funds in the banks or other financial institutions carrying deposit  
10 insurance and authorized to do business in North Carolina. Interest earned on such funds  
11 may remain in the funds account and may be expended as authorized by the Board to  
12 carry out the provisions of this Chapter. Expenditures shall not exceed the revenues of  
13 the Board during any fiscal year. The Board may procure personal property in  
14 accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

15 **"§ 89F-6. Corporate, partnership, or sole proprietorship practice of soil science.**

16           A corporation or partnership may engage in the practice of soil science in this State.  
17 The person connected with the corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship in  
18 responsible charge of work must be licensed as a professional soil scientist under this  
19 Chapter. The exemptions to licensing under G.S. 89F-7 that apply to individuals under  
20 this Chapter apply to corporations and partnerships. All such corporations shall be  
21 subject to the provisions of Chapter 55B of the General Statutes.

22 **"§ 89F-7. Exemptions.**

23           (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, any person who publicly practices or  
24 offers to publicly practice soil science in this State is subject to the provisions of this  
25 Chapter.

26           (b) The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Chapter:

27           (1) Persons engaged solely in teaching soil science or engaged solely in soil  
28 science research in this State unless he or she performs soil scientist  
29 work and services for which a license is required under this Chapter.

30           (2) Officers and employees of the United States, the State, or counties who  
31 practice solely in the capacity of this employment.

32           (3) Officers and employees of companies engaged in the practice of soil  
33 science, when the officers and employees practice soil science solely in  
34 the capacity of their employment and who do not offer their professional  
35 services to the public for hire.

36           (4) A subordinate to a soil scientist licensed under this Chapter or a soil  
37 scientist-in-training insofar as the subordinate or soil scientist-in-  
38 training acts solely in such capacity. The subordinate or the soil  
39 scientist-in-training shall not practice soil science for others and shall  
40 not describe or represent himself or herself as a soil scientist.

41 **"§ 89F-8. Limitations.**

42           This Chapter shall not prevent:

- 1           (1) The practice of any profession or trade for which a license is required  
2           under any other law of this State.
- 3           (2) Registered professional engineers from lawfully practicing soil  
4           mechanics, foundation engineering, or other professional engineering  
5           practices for which a license is required pursuant to Chapter 89C of the  
6           General Statutes.
- 7           (3) Registered land surveyors licensed pursuant to Chapter 89C of the  
8           General Statutes from practicing surveying.
- 9           (4) Architects licensed pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes or  
10           licensed landscape architects licensed pursuant to Chapter 89A of the  
11           General Statutes from lawfully practicing architecture or landscape  
12           architecture.
- 13           (5) Geologists licensed pursuant to Chapter 89E of the General Statutes  
14           from practicing geology.
- 15           (6) The public practice of soil science by a person not a resident of, and  
16           having no established place of business in, this State, when such  
17           practice does not exceed in the aggregate more than 30 days in any  
18           calendar year, provided:
- 19           a. Such person is duly licensed to practice such profession in  
20           another state where the requirements for a license are not less  
21           than those specified in this Chapter for obtaining the license  
22           required for such work; and
- 23           b. Such nonresident shall file with the Board within 10 days of  
24           entering this State for commencing such work, a statement giving  
25           his or her name, residence, the number of his or her license and  
26           by what authority issued, and, upon the completion of the work, a  
27           statement of the time engaged in such work within the State.
- 28           (7) The practice of a person not a resident and having no established place  
29           of business in this State, or the practice of a person who has recently  
30           become a resident of this State, or practicing or offering to practice in  
31           this State for more than 30 days in any calendar year the profession of  
32           soil science, if:
- 33           a. He or she is licensed in another state or is a qualified soil  
34           scientist;
- 35           b. If he or she has filed an application for a license with the Board  
36           and has paid the fee.
- 37           Such practice is a provisional practice of soil science and shall continue  
38           only for such reasonable time as the Board requires to consider the  
39           applicant for licensing as a soil scientist under this Chapter.

40 **"§ 89F-9. Applications.**

41           An application for a license as a soil scientist shall be made under oath, shall show the  
42           applicant's education and a summary of the applicant's soil science experience, and shall  
43           show any other relevant criteria as determined by the Board.

1 **"§ 89F-10. Minimum qualifications.**

2 (a) To be eligible for a license as a soil scientist in North Carolina, an applicant  
3 shall satisfy the following minimum qualifications:

4 (1) Be of good moral and ethical character as attested to by four letters of  
5 reference, two of which shall be written by qualified soil scientists, and  
6 an agreement signed by the applicant to adhere to the Code of  
7 Professional Conduct adopted pursuant to G.S. 89F-17.

8 (2) Hold at least a bachelor of science degree from an accredited college or  
9 university with a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in  
10 agricultural, biological, physical, or earth sciences and at least 15  
11 semester hours or an equivalent number of quarter hours in soil science.  
12 Equivalent education or professional experience may be determined by  
13 the Board in lieu of a bachelor of science degree.

14 (3) Successfully pass an examination established by the Board, which  
15 examination shall be designed to demonstrate whether the applicant has  
16 the necessary knowledge and requisite skill to exercise the  
17 responsibilities of the public practice of soil science.

18 (4) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, have at least three years of  
19 professional soil science work under the supervision of a qualified soil  
20 scientist or a minimum of three cumulative years work in responsible  
21 charge of work satisfactory to the Board.

22 (b) Completion of advanced degrees in soil science may be substituted for a  
23 portion of the experience requirement. The Board may, in its discretion, grant one year  
24 of professional experience for a masters of science degree and two years of professional  
25 experience for a doctoral degree. The Board may consider, in lieu of the above  
26 professional soil science work required under subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this  
27 section, the cumulative total of professional soil science work or soil research of persons  
28 teaching upper level soil science courses at the college or university level, so long as this  
29 work or research can be demonstrated to the Board to be of a sufficiently responsible  
30 nature to be equivalent to the professional soil science work.

31 (c) Applicants who meet all licensing requirements except for the experience  
32 requirements may be recognized as a soil scientist-in-training. Upon completion of the  
33 experience requirement, the soil scientist-in-training may apply for full licensing as a soil  
34 scientist.

35 (d) The Board shall determine whether the applicant demonstrated that the  
36 applicant performed the work experience in a responsible position. The adequacy of the  
37 required supervision and the experience shall be determined by the Board in accordance  
38 with standards established by the Board by rule.

39 **"§ 89F-11. Examinations.**

40 Examinations shall be formulated and conducted by the Board at the time and place as  
41 determined by the Board, but shall be held at least annually.

42 **"§ 89F-12. Comity.**

1 A person who holds a license to engage in the practice of soil science on the basis of  
2 comparable licensing requirements issued to that person by a proper authority by another  
3 state, by a territory, or by a possession of the United States or the District of Columbia,  
4 and who, as determined by the Board, meets the requirements of this Chapter based upon  
5 verified evidence, may, upon application, be licensed without taking an examination  
6 pursuant to G.S. 89F-10(a)(3).

7 **"§ 89F-13. Issuance, renewal, and replacement of licenses.**

8 (a) The Board shall issue a license upon payment of a license fee to any applicant  
9 who has satisfactorily met all the requirements of this Chapter. Licenses shall state the  
10 full name of the registrant, shall have a serial number, and shall be signed by the Chair  
11 and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, under the seal of the Board. The issuance of a  
12 license by the Board shall be prima facie evidence that the person named on the license is  
13 entitled to all the rights and privileges of a licensed soil scientist for the period the license  
14 remains in full force and effect.

15 (b) Unless a license is renewed, a license shall expire at such interval as may be  
16 determined by the Board. All applications for renewal shall be filed with the Board.  
17 Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a renewal fee established by the Board.  
18 A license that has expired for failure to renew may be restored after application and  
19 payment of a restoration fee established by the Board so long as the applicant satisfies all  
20 other provisions of this Chapter.

21 (c) If a license is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the Board may issue a replacement  
22 license subject to rules adopted by the Board.

23 **"§ 89F-14. Seals; requirements.**

24 Upon the issuance of a license, each soil scientist shall obtain from the Secretary-  
25 Treasurer a seal bearing the licensee's name and the legend 'Licensed Soil Scientist-State  
26 of North Carolina'. The Board shall insure that the design of the seal is easily  
27 distinguished from other professional seals. All drawings, reports, or other soil science  
28 papers or documents involving soil science work that are prepared or approved by a  
29 licensed soil scientist or a subordinate under his or her direction shall be signed by the  
30 soil scientist and impressed with the seal. The impression of the seal indicates his or her  
31 responsibility for the soil science work.

32 **"§ 89F-15. Records.**

33 (a) The Board shall keep a public record of its proceedings and a register of all  
34 applications for licensing.

35 (b) The register under subsection (a) of this section shall show:

36 (1) The name, the age, and the residency of each applicant.

37 (2) The date of application.

38 (3) The place of business of the applicant.

39 (4) The applicant's education and other qualifications.

40 (5) Whether or not an examination was required.

41 (6) Whether the applicant was licensed.

42 (7) Whether a license was granted.

43 (8) The dates of any actions by the Board.

1           (9)    Such other information as may be deemed necessary by the Board.  
2 All official records of the Board or affidavits by the Secretary-Treasurer as to the content  
3 of these records shall be prima facie evidence of all matters required to be kept in the  
4 registers.

5       (c)    The Board shall treat as confidential and not subject to disclosure, except to the  
6 extent required by law or by rule of the Board, individual test scores and applications and  
7 material relating to the applications.

8 **"§ 89F-16. Roster of licensed professional soil scientists.**

9       The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall keep a record and shall publish annually a  
10 roster showing the names and places of business and residence addresses of all soil  
11 scientists licensed under this Chapter. Copies of this roster shall be made available to the  
12 public upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, established by the Board, for  
13 copying.

14 **"§ 89F-17. Code of Professional Conduct.**

15       The Board shall prepare and adopt by rule a Code of Professional Conduct that shall  
16 be made known in writing to every licensee and applicant for licensing under this Chapter  
17 and that shall be published by the Board. Publication of the Code of Professional  
18 Conduct is due notice to all licensees of its contents. The Board may revise and amend  
19 this Code of Professional Conduct. Prior to adoption of any revision or amendments, all  
20 licensed members and the public shall receive due notice and an opportunity to be heard.

21 **"§ 89F-18. Complaints.**

22       Any person may file written charges of violations of this Chapter or any rules adopted  
23 pursuant to this Chapter with the Board against any licensee. Any charges or allegations  
24 shall be in writing, shall be sworn to by the person making them, and shall be filed with  
25 the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. The Board shall investigate reasonably all valid  
26 complaints.

27 **"§ 89F-19. Prohibitions; unlawful acts.**

28       (a)    It is unlawful for any person other than a licensed soil scientist or a subordinate  
29 under the soil scientist's direction to conduct or participate in any public practice of soil  
30 science or prepare any soil science reports, maps, or documents related to the public  
31 welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, property, or the environment.

32       (b)    It is unlawful for any person to publicly practice, or offer to publicly practice,  
33 soil science in this State, or to use in connection with his or her name, or otherwise  
34 assume, or advertise, any title or description tending to convey the impression that he or  
35 she is a licensed soil scientist, unless that person has been duly licensed or is exempted  
36 under the provisions of this Chapter.

37       (c)    It is unlawful for anyone other than a soil scientist licensed under this Chapter  
38 to stamp or seal any soils-related plans, maps, reports, or other soils-related documents  
39 with the seal or stamp of a licensed soil scientist, or use in any manner the title 'soil  
40 scientist', unless that person is licensed under this Chapter.

41       (d)    It is unlawful for any person to affix his or her signature to, or to stamp or seal,  
42 any soils-related plans, maps, reports, or other soils-related documents after the licensing  
43 of the person named thereon has expired or has been suspended or revoked.

1 (e) It is unlawful for a soil scientist licensed under this Chapter to prepare plats  
2 and maps as defined in Chapter 89C unless he or she is licensed as a registered land  
3 surveyor under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

4 **"§ 89F-20. Disciplinary procedures.**

5 (a) The Board may, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 150B of the General  
6 Statutes, refuse to grant or to renew, suspend, or revoke the license of any person licensed  
7 under this Chapter who:

8 (1) Has violated the provisions of this Chapter or a rule adopted by the  
9 Board,

10 (2) Who has been convicted of a misdemeanor under this Chapter,

11 (3) Who has been convicted of a felony, or

12 (4) Who has been found by the Board to have been guilty of gross  
13 unprofessional conduct, dishonest practice, incompetence, fraud, deceit  
14 in obtaining a license, or in aiding or abetting by fraud or deceit another  
15 person's obtaining a license.

16 (b) In lieu of revoking a license, the Board may enter a probationary order and  
17 assess a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000). In determining the  
18 amount of a penalty under this section, the Board shall consider the following factors:

19 (1) The degree and extent of harm to the natural resources of the State, to  
20 the public health, or to private property resulting from the violation.

21 (2) The duration and gravity of the violation.

22 (3) The effect on water quality.

23 (4) The cost of rectifying the damage.

24 (5) The cost to the State of enforcement procedures.

25 (6) The prior record of the violator in complying or failing to comply with  
26 this Chapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this Chapter.

27 **"§ 89F-21. Reissuance of license.**

28 The Board may, by a vote of the quorum, reissue a license to any person whose  
29 license has been revoked if the Board finds, after written application by the applicant, that  
30 there is good cause to justify the reissuance of the license.

31 **"§ 89F-22. Misdemeanor.**

32 Any person who:

33 (1) Willfully practices soil science publicly or offers to practice soil science  
34 publicly for other natural or corporate persons in this State without  
35 being licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;

36 (2) Presents, or attempts to use as his or her own, the license or the seal of  
37 another soil scientist;

38 (3) Gives any false or forged evidence in the course of applying for a  
39 license under this Chapter;

40 (4) Falsely impersonates any other licensed soil scientist;

41 (5) Attempts to use an expired or revoked license, or practice at any time  
42 while the license is suspended or revoked;

43 (6) Violates the provisions of this Chapter;

1 shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

2 **"§ 89F-23. Injunctive relief.**

3 The Board may seek injunctive relief to enjoin and restrain any natural or corporate  
4 person from violating this Chapter. The Board shall not be required to post bond in  
5 connection with obtaining either provisional, preliminary, or permanent injunctive relief.

6 **"§ 89F-24. Legal advisor.**

7 The Attorney General or his designee shall act as legal advisor to the Board.

8 **"§ 89F-25. Fees.**

9 Fees for the following are to be determined by the Board, but shall not exceed any  
10 amount specified in this section:

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12	<u>Application</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
13	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>85.00</u>
14	<u>Examination</u>	<u>125.00</u>
15	<u>License</u>	<u>85.00</u>
16	<u>Replacement license</u>	<u>50.00</u>
17	<u>Seal</u>	<u>30.00</u>
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19 Fees shall be paid to the Board at the times specified by the Board."

20 Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 89F-10, as enacted in Section 1  
21 of this act, the Board shall waive the examination for licensure for applicants who apply  
22 for licensure under Chapter 89F of the General Statutes, as enacted in Section 1 of this  
23 act, no later than one year after the initial Board is appointed and who otherwise satisfy  
24 the licensing requirements of Chapter 89F of the General Statutes.

25 Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 87F-4, as enacted in Section 1  
26 of this act, the Board of the North Carolina Registry of Certified Professional in Soils  
27 shall submit two nominees for each appointment to the North Carolina Board for  
28 Licensing of Soil Scientists, and the initial members appointed pursuant to G.S. 89F-  
29 4(b)(5) and G.S. 89F-4(b)(7) shall serve one-year terms, initial members appointed  
30 pursuant to G.S. 89F-4(b)(1), G.S. 89F-4(b)(1) and G.S. 87F-4(b)(3) shall serve two-year  
31 terms, and initial members appointed pursuant to G.S. 87F-4(b)(4) and G.S. 87F-4(b)(6)  
32 shall serve for three-year terms.

33 Sec. 4. G.S. 89F-19, as enacted in Section 1 of this act, becomes effective  
34 January 1, 1997. The remainder of this act becomes effective January 1, 1996.