## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

## **CHAPTER 158**

An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1181.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to forester title.

[H 2341]

Approved February 27, 2019

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1181.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 10.1-1181.9. Requirements for forester title.

A. In order to use the title of forester in connection with any practice of forestry, the person shall (i) hold a baccalaureate or higher degree from an a public or private institution of higher education eurriculum, having completed a degree program that (a) is accredited by the Society of American Foresters (the Society) and such degree eurriculum shall meet (b) meets the minimum education eriterion criteria set forth by the Society in the fields of forest ecology and biology, management of forest resources, and forest resources policy and administration or (ii) have met the educational criteria for Certified Forester as reviewed and officially recognized in writing by the Society.

B. No person shall be appointed by the Governor to serve as State Forester unless he meets the requirements of clause (i) of subsection A.