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HOUSE BILL NO. 2341

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Edmunds)

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

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 ~~curriculum, having completed a degree program that~~ (a) is accredited by the Society of American Foresters (the Society) and ~~such degree curriculum shall meet~~ (b) *meets* the minimum education ~~criterion~~ *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.*

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