

Forester licensure: how will it be administered?

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS

Our proposal:

increase forester responsibility
by amending the state law that currently provides for the regulation and licensure
of the professions of engineering, land surveying, and geology
to include the profession of forestry.

Who will be responsible for administering the regulation?

The State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Geologists, and Foresters within the Pennsylvania Department of State.

What will be the composition of the regulatory board?

Two foresters will be added to the current nine-member Board which consists of professional engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and state officials.

What powers will the regulatory board possess?

The Board possesses the power to license and regulate the professions of engineering, land surveying, and geology, to which will be added the profession of forestry.

Will the actions of the regulatory board be subject to review?

Yes. The Board currently must report annually to the General Assembly on its activities. Actions of the Board, particularly disciplinary actions, are subject to review by the courts.

How will the cost of the regulatory board be met?

The Board is currently supported by fees paid by those it regulates and appropriations from the General Fund.

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*The nation behaves well if it treats the natural
resources as assets which it must turn over to the
next generation increased, and not impaired.*
THEODORE ROOSEVELT, 1910.