

HOUSE BILL NO. 112

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/4/09

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing for establishment and maintenance by the Department of Commerce,
2 Community, and Economic Development of a registry of professional foresters; and
3 relating to the membership of the Board of Forestry."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 08.02 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 08.02.013. Professional foresters.** (a) The commissioner of commerce,
7 community, and economic development shall establish and maintain a registry of
8 professional foresters for any person who meets the requirements of (b) of this section
9 and who requests to be listed in the registry.

10 (b) A person may request to be listed in the registry of professional foresters if
11 the person

12 (1) is a certified forester on record with the Society of American
13 Foresters; or

14 (2) holds a bachelor of science degree from an accredited forestry

1 school and has been employed as a forester for at least three years.

2 (c) The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
3 shall develop an application form to be used by a person requesting to be listed on the
4 registry of professional foresters.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 41.17.041(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor **as**
7 **follows:**

8 (1) a representative of a commercial fishermen's organization;

9 (2) a representative of a Native corporation established under 43
10 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act);

11 (3) a representative of an environmental organization;

12 (4) a representative of a forest industry trade association;

13 (5) a professional fish or wildlife biologist who is not employed in that
14 capacity by a state, municipal, or federal government agency, except for university
15 employment;

16 (6) a professional forester **associated with a national organization of**
17 **foresters** who is not employed in that capacity by a state, municipal, or federal
18 government agency, except for university employment;

19 (7) a representative of a mining organization;

20 (8) a representative of a recreational organization; and

21 (9) the state forester, who serves ex officio and without a vote.

22 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.33.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

23 (45) maintain the registry of professional foresters created under
24 AS 08.02.013.