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Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "forestry." the following: 'An applicant with an associate degree or higher from a program that has a curriculum in forestry from a school or college approved by the board is required to pass only the examination section that tests the applicant's knowledge of the State's forestry laws, rules and practices.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 8. Transition. An applicant for a forester license pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 76, subchapter 3 who possesses an intern forester license issued prior to the effective date of this Act and who earns forestry experience pursuant to the rule of the Board of Licensure of Foresters, Chapter 60: Sponsorship of Intern Foresters in effect on the effective date of this Act may not be required to meet additional forestry experience standards adopted by the board by rule after the effective date of this Act in order to qualify for a forester license.’

Amend the bill in section 9 in the first line (page 3, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "June" and inserting the following: 'April'

SUMMARY

This amendment makes changes to the laws governing the examination requirements for applicants for a forester license by providing that an applicant with an associate degree or higher from a program that has a curriculum in forestry from a school or college approved by the board is required to pass only the examination section that tests the applicant's knowledge of the State's forestry laws, rules and practices. It also changes the effective date of the Act from June 1, 2015 to April 1, 2015 and specifies that an applicant with an intern forester license and with experience earned as a forester pursuant to rule currently in effect may not be required to meet additional forestry experience standards adopted by the board after the effective date of this Act in order to qualify for a forester license.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)