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2003 Wisconsin Act 66 **[2003 Assembly Bill 12]**	**Educational Requirements for Field Foresters Employed by the DNR**
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2003 Wisconsin Act 66 creates educational requirements for field foresters employed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and changes the personnel authorized to mark or designate trees for cutting in state forests.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Prior to enactment of Act 66, field foresters employed by the DNR were not required to satisfy specific educational requirements. Also prior to enactment of Act 66, before a tree could be cut in a state forest, it must have been marked or designated by a forester in the professional series of the state classified civil service or by a DNR employee equally qualified due to having long, practical experience in marking or designating trees for cutting.

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Act 66 requires every person hired by the DNR as a field forester after the effective date of the act to have received a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree in forestry from a school of forestry with a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters or an equivalent degree, as determined by the chief state forester. The educational requirements of the Act only apply to newly hired foresters.

The Act further provides that the marking or designating of trees for cutting in a state forest must be done either by a forester employed by the DNR or by an individual who the DNR determines to be qualified and who is under the oversight of a forester employed by the DNR.

Effective Date: 2003 Wisconsin Act 66 takes effect on November 20, 2003.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.