

2003 Assembly Bill 12

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 66

AN ACT *to amend* 28.05 (1); and *to create* 28.045 of the statutes; **relating to:** educational requirements for field foresters employed by the Department of Natural Resources and persons authorized to designate trees for cutting in state forests.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 28.045 of the statutes is created to read:

28.045 Educational requirements for field foresters. (1) Every person hired as a field forester by the department on or after the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], shall have received a bachelor's or higher 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.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 230.14 (3m), the department may require as a condition of application that an applicant for the position of field forester has met the educational requirements specified under sub. (1).

SECTION 2. 28.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

28.05 (1) LIMITATIONS. Cutting shall be limited to trees marked or designated for cutting by a forester ~~in the professional series of the state classified civil service employed by the department~~ or by ~~a department designated employee equally qualified by reason of long, practical experience~~ an individual determined by the department to be qualified to do such marking or designating and who is under the oversight of a forester employed by the department. The department may sell products removed in cultural or salvage cuttings and standing timber designated in timber sale contracts, but all sales shall be based on tree scale or on the scale, measure or count of the cut products. The department may require that a person purchasing products or standing timber under a timber sale contract provide surety for the proper performance of the contract either directly or through a bond furnished by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].