

# HOUSE BILL 342

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By: **Delegate Behler**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Forestry Licenses – Applicant Qualifications – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that an institution from which an applicant for a forestry  
4 license graduates on completion of a certain curriculum has certain approval and  
5 accreditation; and generally relating to requirements for forestry licenses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
8 Section 7–304  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

14 7–304.

15 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the  
16 requirements of this section.

17 (b) An applicant shall have graduated on completion of a 4–year curriculum in  
18 forestry from a college or university that is:

19 (1) approved by the Board [or]; AND

20 (2) accredited by:

21 (I) the Society of American Foresters; OR

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   **(II) AN EQUIVALENT ACCREDITING ENTITY.**

2           (c)    The applicant shall have at least 2 years of experience in forestry that  
3 indicates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2026.