HOUSE BILL No. 6040

November 10, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Rendon and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act,"

(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections part 535; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 PART 535. REGISTERED FORESTERS
- 2 SEC. 53501. AS USED IN THIS PART:
- 3 (A) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF FORESTERS CREATED IN SECTION
- 4 53505(1).
- 5 (B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
- 6 (C) "FORESTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, BY REASON OF HIS OR
- 7 HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND THE
- 8 PRINCIPLES OF FORESTRY, ACQUIRED BY FORESTRY EDUCATION AND

- 1 PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, IS QUALIFIED TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF
- 2 PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY.
- 3 (D) "FUND" MEANS THE REGISTERED FORESTER FUND CREATED IN
- 4 SECTION 53519.
- 5 (E) "PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY" MEANS THE SCIENCE,
- 6 ART, AND PRACTICE OF CREATING, MANAGING, USING, PLANNING AND
- 7 RESEARCHING, AND CONSERVING FORESTS AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES FOR
- 8 HUMAN BENEFIT AND IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER TO MEET DESIRED GOALS,
- 9 NEEDS, AND VALUES.
- 10 (F) "REGISTERED FORESTER" MEANS A FORESTER REGISTERED UNDER
- 11 SECTION 53509.
- 12 (G) "SAF" MEANS SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS.
- 13 (H) "STATE FORESTER" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 14 50502.
- 15 (I) "VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE" MEANS THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE
- 16 APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 53505.
- 17 SEC. 53503. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLETE AN ECONOMIC
- 18 EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS PART EVERY 4 YEARS.
- 19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CEASE ADMINISTERING THIS PART IF EITHER
- 20 OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:
- 21 (A) THE REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE FUND IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO
- 22 ADMINISTER THIS PART.
- 23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD AGREE TO SEPARATE AND CEASE
- 24 OPERATIONS.
- 25 SEC. 53505. (1) THE BOARD OF FORESTERS IS CREATED WITHIN THE
- 26 DEPARTMENT.
- 27 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL

- 1 BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A FULL-TIME RESIDENT OF THIS
- 2 STATE AND SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY
- 3 EXPERIENCE. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
- 4 APPOINTED BY THE STATE FORESTER FROM INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED BY THE
- 5 GROUPS REPRESENTED:
- 6 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING
- 7 FORESTERS.
- 8 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN
- 9 FORESTERS.
- 10 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE FORESTRY PROGRAM FACULTY OF
- 11 A UNIVERSITY WHOSE FORESTRY PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY THE SAF.
- 12 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING STATE AGENCIES THAT HAVE
- 13 FORESTRY STAFF.
- 14 (E) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING FOREST PRODUCTS ADVOCACY OR THE
- 15 FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, INCLUDING LOGGING.
- 16 (F) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING PRIVATE FOREST LANDOWNERS.
- 17 (G) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A MUNICIPAL, URBAN, OR
- 18 COMMUNITY FORESTRY FIELD.
- 19 (3) THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE BOARD SHALL BE
- 20 APPOINTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
- 21 ACT THAT ADDED THIS PART.
- 22 (4) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 4 YEARS OR
- 23 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED, WHICHEVER IS LATER, EXCEPT THAT, OF
- 24 THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, 3 SHALL SERVE FOR 2 YEARS.
- 25 (5) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE BOARD, THE STATE FORESTER SHALL
- 26 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE SAME MANNER AS
- 27 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT. THE STATE FORESTER MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF

- 1 THE BOARD FOR INCOMPETENCE, DERELICTION OF DUTY, MALFEASANCE,
- 2 MISFEASANCE, OR NONFEASANCE IN OFFICE, OR ANY OTHER GOOD CAUSE.
- 3 (6) THE STATE FORESTER SHALL CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
- 4 BOARD. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE BOARD SHALL ELECT FROM AMONG ITS
- 5 MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, AND OTHER
- 6 OFFICERS AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE. OFFICERS OF THE
- 7 BOARD SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 2 YEARS. AFTER THE FIRST MEETING,
- 8 THE BOARD SHALL MEET ONCE ANNUALLY IN PERSON AND ONCE ANNUALLY BY
- 9 CONFERENCE CALL OR VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AT THE CALL
- 10 OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR IF REQUESTED BY 2 OR MORE MEMBERS.
- 11 (7) FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR
- 12 THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD. A MAJORITY
- 13 OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND SERVING ARE REQUIRED FOR OFFICIAL ACTION
- 14 OF THE BOARD.
- 15 (8) BUSINESS THAT THE BOARD MAY PERFORM SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT
- 16 A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN
- 17 MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275. THE SECRETARY OF
- 18 THE BOARD SHALL RECORD ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.
- 19 (9) A WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR
- 20 RETAINED BY THE BOARD IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION IS
- 21 SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
- 22 TO 15.246.
- 23 (10) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.
- 24 HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR ACTUAL
- 25 AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
- 26 OFFICIAL DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
- 27 (11) THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD SHALL APPOINT A VIOLATIONS

- 1 COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF 3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MEMBERS OF THE
- 2 VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF 2
- 3 YEARS.
- 4 SEC. 53507. (1) THE BOARD SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 5 (A) ADOPT BYLAWS.
- 6 (B) COMPLY WITH SECTION 53515.
- 7 (C) MAKE AVAILABLE A LIST OF REGISTERED FORESTERS. THE
- 8 DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE LIST ON ITS WEBSITE.
- 9 (D) MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATE FORESTER ON
- 10 PROCEEDINGS, APPLICATIONS, RENEWALS, COMPLAINTS, AND HEARINGS UNDER
- 11 THIS PART.
- 12 (E) SET AND REVIEW ANNUALLY THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR
- 13 REGISTERED FORESTERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE FORESTER
- 14 AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE LIST.
- 15 (F) REVIEW THE FEE UNDER SECTION 53509 ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS AND
- 16 ADJUST IT TO OPERATE A FISCALLY SOUND PROGRAM.
- 17 (G) ANNUALLY PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT AN ECONOMIC EVALUATION
- 18 OF THE REGISTERED FORESTER PROGRAM.
- 19 (2) THE BOARD MAY DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 20 (A) ISSUE, DENY, RENEW, AND REVOKE FORESTER REGISTRATIONS.
- 21 (B) HEAR EVIDENCE IN CASES OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY FORESTERS.
- 22 (C) CALL WITNESSES AND RECEIVE EVIDENCE FOR HEARINGS UNDER
- 23 THIS PART.
- 24 SEC. 53509. (1) TO BE REGISTERED AS A FORESTER, AN INDIVIDUAL
- 25 SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE
- 26 DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 27 (A) THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

- 1 ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT.
- 2 (B) INFORMATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS 1 OR
- 3 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
- 4 (i) AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN FORESTRY FROM AN SAF-ACCREDITED
- 5 UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM, PLUS 4 YEARS OF
- 6 EXPERIENCE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A REGISTERED FORESTER, AN SAF-
- 7 CERTIFIED FORESTER, OR A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING
- 8 FORESTERS.
- 9 (ii) A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN FORESTRY FROM AN SAF-ACCREDITED
- 10 UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR A BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM, PLUS 2 YEARS OF
- 11 FORESTRY EXPERIENCE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i).
- 12 (iii) A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A NATURAL RESOURCE FIELD FROM AN
- 13 SAF-ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR A BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM, PLUS
- 14 2 YEARS OF FORESTRY EXPERIENCE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i).
- 15 (iv) A GRADUATE DEGREE IN FORESTRY FROM AN SAF-ACCREDITED
- 16 UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR A BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM, PLUS 2 YEARS OF
- 17 FORESTRY EXPERIENCE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i).
- 18 (C) REFERENCES OR ENDORSEMENTS FROM 3 REGISTERED FORESTERS.
- 19 (D) VERIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ANY CONTINUING
- 20 EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.
- 21 (E) OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.
- 22 (2) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT OR DENY REGISTRATION WITHIN 30 DAYS
- 23 AFTER A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS FILED AND NOTIFY THE APPLICANT IN
- 24 WRITING. IF AN APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE NOTIFICATION SHALL
- 25 INCLUDE THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL. IF THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED,
- 26 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND
- 27 CERTIFICATION NUMBER TO THE APPLICANT. THE REGISTRATION IS VALID

- 1 FOR 2 YEARS.
- 2 (3) TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATION AS A FORESTER, AN INDIVIDUAL
- 3 SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 4 (A) PAY THE DEPARTMENT A FEE OF \$200.00. THE FIRST PAYMENT
- 5 SHALL BE MADE NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATION FOR
- 6 REGISTRATION IS GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
- 7 DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FEES RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN THE
- 8 FUND.
- 9 (B) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE NOT FEWER THAN 24 HOURS OF
- 10 CONTINUING EDUCATION EVERY 2 YEARS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.
- 11 (C) MAINTAIN GOOD STANDING WITH THE BOARD.
- 12 SEC. 53511. (1) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER MEMBERS OF
- 13 AFFILIATED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 14 STATE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PART.
- 15 (2) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AN APPLICANT WHO IS A LEGALLY
- 16 AUTHORIZED FORESTER IN ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY IF THE BOARD
- 17 CONSIDERS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OR COUNTRY TO BE EQUIVALENT
- 18 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTRATION IN THIS STATE.
- 19 SEC. 53513. A PERSON SHALL NOT USE THE TITLE "REGISTERED
- 20 FORESTER" UNLESS HE OR SHE IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS PART.
- 21 SEC. 53515. A REGISTERED FORESTER SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE
- 22 FOLLOWING:
- 23 (A) IN HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY, PERFORM GENERAL
- 24 FORESTRY ACTIVITIES AS DESCRIBED IN THE "DICTIONARY OF FORESTRY"
- 25 AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD, BUT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUSTAINABLE
- 26 FOREST MANAGEMENT AND SILVICULTURE.
- 27 (B) FULLY DISCLOSE PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN ANY

- 1 FORESTRY PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE REGISTERED FORESTER IF THERE IS
- 2 A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
- 3 (C) NOT ACCEPT COMPENSATION OR EXPENSES FROM MORE THAN 1
- 4 CLIENT OR EMPLOYER FOR THE SAME SERVICE, UNLESS THE PARTIES
- 5 INVOLVED ARE INFORMED AND CONSENT.
- 6 (D) NOT MAKE EXAGGERATED, FALSE, MISLEADING, OR DECEPTIVE
- 7 WRITTEN OR VERBAL STATEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 8 STATEMENTS ON THE VALUE OF INDIVIDUAL TREES, TIMBER, OR
- 9 TIMBERLANDS, IN THE CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.
- 10 (E) CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY REPRESENT HIS OR HER
- 11 QUALIFICATIONS, THE EXTENT OF THE FORESTRY SERVICES OFFERED, AND
- 12 THE BASIS FOR CHARGES FOR THOSE SERVICES.
- 13 (F) NOT OFFER OR MAKE BRIBES OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENTS TO THOSE
- 14 RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING FORESTRY CONTRACTS.
- 15 (G) NOT INTERFERE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR FORESTRY
- 16 PROJECTS, INCLUDING MAKING FALSE REPRESENTATIONS OR MISLEADING
- 17 STATEMENTS ABOUT BIDDERS, PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS, OR COMPETITORS.
- 18 (H) NOT ISSUE A FORESTRY PLAN, MAP, SPECIFICATION, OR REPORT
- 19 PREPARED BY THAT REGISTERED FORESTER OR UNDER HIS OR HER ACTUAL
- 20 SUPERVISION UNLESS IT IS ENDORSED WITH THE REGISTERED FORESTER'S
- 21 NAME AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION NUMBER.
- 22 (I) NOT ENDORSE A FORESTRY PLAN, SPECIFICATION, ESTIMATE, OR
- 23 MAP UNLESS PREPARED BY THAT REGISTERED FORESTER OR UNDER HIS OR HER
- 24 ACTUAL SUPERVISION.
- 25 (J) PROVIDE FORESTRY SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT WILL ENSURE THE
- 26 PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE AND IF, IN HIS OR HER
- 27 PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, ANY OF THESE ARE ENDANGERED, NOTIFY THE

- 1 CLIENT OR EMPLOYER AND GIVE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS OR
- 2 INSTRUCTIONS.
- 3 (K) IF A CLIENT OR EMPLOYER FAILS OR REFUSES TO FOLLOW
- 4 RECOMMENDATIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS UNDER SUBDIVISION (J), NOTIFY THE
- 5 RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE THREAT TO
- 6 PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE.
- 7 (1) NOT VIOLATE OR CONCEAL VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART AND NOT
- 8 KNOWINGLY PERMIT OTHERS TO DO SO.
- 9 (M) REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART TO THE BOARD.
- 10 (N) NOT CONSPIRE OR COLLUDE TO RESTRAIN TRADE THROUGH PRICE
- 11 ARRANGEMENT WITH OTHER REGISTERED FORESTERS OR FORESTRY FIRMS AND
- 12 NOT ENGAGE IN PRICE-FIXING ACTIVITIES.
- 13 (O) NOT TAKE FORESTRY PROJECT FUNDS UNDER FALSE PRETENSES AND
- 14 NOT ABANDON A FORESTRY PROJECT WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE CLIENT OR
- 15 EMPLOYER.
- 16 SEC. 53517. (1) A PERSON MAY SUBMIT TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
- 17 BOARD A COMPLAINT ABOUT A VIOLATION OF SECTION 53515. THE
- 18 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE A COMPLAINT FORM THAT CAN
- 19 BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD ONLINE
- 20 OR PRINTED AND COMPLETED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO MAKE COMPLAINT
- 21 FORMS AVAILABLE AT CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTERS. UNLESS THE COMPLAINT
- 22 FORM IS SUBMITTED ONLINE, THE COMPLAINANT SHALL SUBMIT THE FORM BY
- 23 MAILING IT TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.
- 24 (2) IF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD RECEIVES A COMPLETED
- 25 COMPLAINT FORM, THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL, WITHIN 60 DAYS, SUBMIT THE
- 26 COMPLAINT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE. WITHIN 30
- 27 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE COMPLAINT, THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL

- 1 DETERMINE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION
- 2 HAS OCCURRED.
- 3 (3) IF THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NOT
- 4 SUFFICIENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, THE
- 5 VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE COMPLAINANT IN WRITING OF ITS
- 6 DETERMINATION AND THE REASONS FOR ITS DETERMINATION, AND NO FURTHER
- 7 ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN ON THAT COMPLAINT.
- 8 (4) IF THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THERE IS
- 9 SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED,
- 10 THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS, BY UNITED STATES
- 11 MAIL, NOTIFY THE REGISTERED FORESTER WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE
- 12 COMPLAINT OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE COMPLAINT, THAT THE REGISTERED
- 13 FORESTER MAY RESPOND TO THE ALLEGATIONS IN WRITING, AND THAT THE
- 14 RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE NOTICE
- 15 WAS MAILED.
- 16 (5) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE COMPLAINT
- 17 AND ANY WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE ALLEGATIONS TIMELY RECEIVED FROM
- 18 THE REGISTERED FORESTER AND MAY FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINT.
- 19 WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE UNDER SUBSECTION (4) FOR A
- 20 RESPONSE FROM THE REGISTERED FORESTER, THE BOARD SHALL DO 1 OF THE
- 21 FOLLOWING:
- 22 (A) DISMISS THE COMPLAINT AND NOTIFY THE COMPLAINANT AND
- 23 REGISTERED FORESTER IN WRITING.
- 24 (B) ISSUE A LETTER OF CAUTION TO THE REGISTERED FORESTER AND
- 25 PROVIDE A COPY TO THE COMPLAINANT.
- 26 (C) ISSUE TO THE REGISTERED FORESTER A PROPOSED ORDER THAT,
- 27 TOGETHER WITH PRELIMINARY FINDINGS, INCLUDES PROPOSED SANCTIONS, A

- 1 PROPOSED NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION, OR A PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND
- 2 PROVIDE A COPY TO THE COMPLAINANT.
- 3 (6) IF THE BOARD ISSUES A PROPOSED ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION (5),
- 4 THE REGISTERED FORESTER SHALL WITHIN 45 DAYS SUBMIT TO THE BOARD 1
- 5 OF THE FOLLOWING, IN WRITING:
- 6 (A) A STATEMENT ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED ORDER, AT WHICH POINT
- 7 THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE ORDER AS A FINAL ORDER. FAILURE OF THE
- 8 REGISTERED FORESTER TO TIMELY RESPOND SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE
- 9 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED ORDER.
- 10 (B) A STATEMENT OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED ORDER AND PROVIDING
- 11 REASONS FOR THE OBJECTION.
- 12 (7) IF THE REGISTERED FORESTER OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED ORDER,
- 13 THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE OBJECTIONS AND ISSUE TO THE REGISTERED
- 14 FORESTER A FINAL ORDER, AMENDING THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AS
- 15 NECESSARY, WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE PROPOSED ORDER AND
- 16 SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FINAL ORDER TO THE COMPLAINANT.
- 17 (8) THE BOARD MAY PERMANENTLY REVOKE OR TEMPORARILY SUSPEND
- 18 REGISTERED FORESTER STATUS FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 53515 OR AN
- 19 ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 20 SEC. 53519. (1) THE REGISTERED FORESTER FUND IS CREATED WITHIN
- 21 THE STATE TREASURY.
- 22 (2) THE STATE TREASURER MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS FROM
- 23 ANY SOURCE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
- 24 DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
- 25 TO THE FUND INTEREST AND EARNINGS FROM FUND INVESTMENTS.
- 26 (3) MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL
- 27 REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND.

- 1 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR
- 2 AUDITING PURPOSES.
- 3 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND, UPON
- 4 APPROPRIATION, ONLY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS
- 5 PART.
- 6 Enacting section 1. Article 21 of the occupational code, 1980
- 7 PA 299, MCL 339.2101 to 339.2108, is repealed.
- 8 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 9 after the date it is enacted into law.
- 10 Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 11 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 6039 (request no.
- 12 06512'16 a) of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.

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