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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE AND FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-
 MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

AGENCY: Foresters TITLE-SERIES: 200-04
 RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No
 RULE NAME: 200-04 Schedule of Fees

PRIMARY CONTACT

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CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §30-19-6

EXPLANATION OF THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE RULE, INCLUDING A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE EFFECT OF EACH PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE WITH CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY PROVISION WHICH EMPOWERS THE AGENCY TO ENACT SUCH RULE PROVISION:

FEES HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED SINCE 2012. THESE SLIGHT INCREASES WILL ENABLE THE BOARD TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL STABILITY.

IS THIS FILING SOLELY FOR THE SUNSET PROVISION REQUIREMENTS IN W. VA. CODE §29A-3-19(e)? No

IF YES, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY CHANGES TO THE RULE ARE THE FILING DATE, EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXTENSION OF THE SUNSET DATE? No

DATE eFiled FOR NOTICE OF HEARING OR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 1/27/2026

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S) OR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDED: 3/13/2026

COMMENTS RECEIVED: Yes

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FIELD COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS)

PUBLIC HEARING: No

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE PUBLIC HEARING FIELD PERSONS WHO APPEARED AT THE HEARING(S) AND TRANSCRIPTS)

RELEVANT FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS: No

WHAT OTHER NOTICE, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, DID YOU GIVE OF THE HEARING?

EMAILED ALL LICENSEES AND POSTED PROPOSED RULE ON WEB PAGE.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE, AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RULE'S PURPOSE AND ALL PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULE:

ADDED SUNSET PROVISION, INCREASE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FEE \$15.00, CHANGE LATE RENEWAL FEE FROM 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31 OF THE RENEWAL YEAR, ADDS REINSTRATEMENT LANGUAGE WITH A FEE OF \$50.00 AND ADDS DELINQUENT CHECK FEE OF \$35.00.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THE RULE:

THESE EXISTING FEES HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 2012. THE BOARD, IN ABLE TO REMAIN FINANCIAL STABLE, FELT THESE MODEST INCREASES WERE NEEDED.

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE:

A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

NO IMPACT ON REVENUE OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

THESE FEES WILL INCREASE THE BOARD'S SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT BY APPROXIMATELY \$4,500.00 ANNUALLY.

C. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE ON THE STATE OR ITS RESIDENTS:

NO IMPACT ON THE STATE OR RESIDENTS. IT WILL ONLY EFFECT THE LICENSEES.

D. FISCAL NOTE DETAIL:

Effect of Proposal	Fiscal Year		
	2026 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	2027 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Current Expenses	0	0	0
Repairs and Alterations	0	0	0
Assets	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0	0	\$4,500.00

E. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

ESTIMATED TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$4,500.00 ANNUALLY.

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Grady M Bowyer -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.

**TITLE 200
LEGISLATIVE RULE
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF FORESTERS**

**SERIES 4
SCHEDULE OF FEES**

§200-4-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule establishes the various fees that are to be submitted to the State Board of Registration of Foresters.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-19-6.

1.3. Filing Date. —~~April 20, 2012.~~

1.4. Effective Date. —~~April 20, 2012.~~

1.5. Sunset Provision. - This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect after April 1, 2037.

§200-4-2. Schedule of Fees.

2.1. Examination fee to be certified as a registered forester: \$100.00.

2.2. Application fee to be certified as a registered forester or forestry technician: \$50.00.

2.3. Annual certification renewal fee: ~~\$35.00.~~ \$50.00

2.4. Late renewal fee: Renewals received after June 30th will incur a late fee of \$10 per month (or portion thereof) until December 31 of the same year. ~~Plus a \$10.00 late fee for each 12 months late not to exceed \$50.00.~~

2.5 Reinstatement Fee; If a renewal is not completed by December 31, a reinstatement fee of \$50 will be required. An additional \$50 reinstatement fee will apply for each additional year of non-renewal.

2.6. Delinquent check fee: \$35.00.