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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to the Alabama State Board of Registered Foresters; to amend Section 34-12-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to grant discretion to the board to relax or suspend the continuing annual education requirement of its licensees on a case by case basis in the event of extenuating circumstances.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-12-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-12-8.

"(a) Licenses shall expire on the 30th day of September next following their issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. The secretary of the board shall notify, at his or her last registered address, every person registered under this chapter of the date of the expiration of his or her license and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal for one year. The notice shall be mailed three months in advance of the date of the expiration of the licenses. Two subsequent monthly notices may be mailed, the second by certified mail, return receipt requested. The annual renewal fee for licenses shall be established annually by the board and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200). Renewal of licenses for the following year may be effected at any time during the three months

1 preceding September 30 of the year in which the license has
2 been issued or renewed by the payment of the renewal fee so
3 fixed by this chapter. Licensees who renew their licenses
4 between September 30 and December 31 of any year renewal is
5 due shall pay a late renewal fee set by the board not to
6 exceed an amount equal to twice the annual renewal fee. The
7 board shall make an exception to the foregoing renewal
8 provision in the case of a person who is in the armed services
9 of the United States. A licensee who fails to renew a license
10 by December 31 of any year renewal is due shall have his or
11 her license revoked.

12 "(b) The state board shall adopt a program of
13 continuing education for its licensees not later than October
14 1, 1991, and after that date no licensee shall have his or her
15 active license renewed unless, in addition to any other
16 requirements of this chapter, the minimum continuing annual
17 education requirements are met. It is further provided that
18 the continuing education program herein required shall not
19 apply to any licensee who is 65 years of age or older and
20 shall not include testing or examination of the licensees in
21 any manner. The Board may relax or suspend the continuing
22 annual education requirements for retirees or for reasons of
23 the health, hardship, or other extenuating circumstances of
24 the licensee based on the licensee's specific case."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

