

1 HB325
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of Registration for Foresters licenses and regulates foresters in this state.

This bill would allow the board to sell nominal marketing or promotional items by the board and would provide for the deposit and use of the funds received by the board from the sale of the marketing and promotional items.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the State Board of Registration for Foresters; to amend Section 34-12-36, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the sale of the nominal marketing or promotional items by the board; and to provide for the deposit and use of the funds received from the sale.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 34-12-36, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 "§34-12-36.

4 "(a) The secretary of the board shall receive and
5 account for all moneys derived under the provisions of this
6 chapter and shall pay the same monthly to the State Treasurer,
7 who shall keep such moneys in a separate fund to be known as
8 the "Professional Foresters Fund." Such fund shall be kept
9 separate and apart from all other moneys in the Treasury and
10 shall be paid out only by warrant of the Comptroller upon the
11 State Treasurer, upon itemized vouchers approved by the
12 chairman and attested by the secretary of the board. All
13 moneys in the Professional Foresters Fund are hereby
14 specifically appropriated for the use of the board. The
15 secretary of the board, its office manager, or other
16 designated officer of the board who handles funds shall give
17 surety bond to the state in such sum as the board may
18 determine. The premium on the bond shall be regarded as a
19 proper and necessary expense of the board and shall be paid
20 from the Professional Foresters Fund.

21 "(b) The board may employ such clerical and other
22 assistants as are necessary for the proper performance of its
23 work, or, in lieu of employing clerical assistants, the board
24 may contract with any state department or agency to furnish
25 the board with such clerical assistance as the board deems
26 necessary. The compensation of such assistants or the cost of
27 contracting for such clerical assistance shall be paid out of

1 the Professional Foresters Fund in the manner prescribed
2 herein.

3 "(c) The board is authorized to accept all gifts,
4 bequests, and donations from any source whatsoever, and such
5 gifts, bequests, and donations shall be used or expended in
6 accordance with their terms or stipulations, but in the
7 absence of any such terms or stipulations, such gifts,
8 bequests, or donations may be used or expended for such
9 purposes as the board may determine.

10 "(d) (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the
11 board may make expenditures for any purpose which, in the
12 opinion of the board, is reasonably necessary for the proper
13 performance of its duties under the provisions of this
14 chapter, including the expenses of the board's delegates to
15 any annual conventions of, and membership dues to, the Society
16 of American Foresters; provided, that under no circumstances
17 shall the total amount of warrants issued by the Comptroller
18 in payment of the expenses and compensation provided for by
19 this chapter exceed the amount of the examination and
20 registration fees, license fees, donations, and other moneys
21 collected by the board as herein provided.

22 "(2) The board may incur and engage in marketing and
23 promotional expenditures and activities in furtherance of its
24 purposes as determined by the board, which may include the
25 sale of nominal items for marketing and promotional purposes.
26 Any proceeds derived by the board from the sale of marketing

1 and promotional items shall be deposited into the Professional
2 Foresters Fund to be used by the board."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.