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A Bill

SENATE BILL 249

5 By: Senator Stone
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VIOLATIONS AND
10 PENALTIES RELATED TO FORESTRY; TO AMEND THE POWERS OF
11 THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AND PENALTIES RELATED TO FORESTRY; AND
18 TO AMEND THE POWERS OF THE ARKANSAS
19 FORESTRY COMMISSION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-31-105(a), concerning violations and
24 penalties related to forestry, is amended to read as follows:

25 ~~(a)(1) Any person required to be registered under this chapter shall~~
26 ~~be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if that person~~ The Arkansas Forestry
27 Commission may impose a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars
28 (\$5,000) on a person required to be registered under this chapter if that
29 person:

30 ~~(1)(A)~~ Practices or offers to practice forestry without a
31 valid certificate of registration issued pursuant to this chapter;

32 ~~(2)(B)~~ Claims to be a forester certified under this chapter
33 without being so certified;

34 ~~(3)(C)~~ In any way tends to convey the impression that he or
35 she is a forester certified under the provisions of this chapter without
36 being so registered;



1 ~~(4)~~(D) Uses as his or her own the certificate of
2 registration of another;

3 ~~(5)~~(E) Gives false or forged evidence to the Department of
4 Agriculture or the ~~Arkansas Forestry Commission~~ commission;

5 ~~(6)~~(F) Uses an expired or revoked certificate; or

6 ~~(7)~~(G) Violates any provision of this chapter.

7 (2) In addition to a civil penalty under subdivision (a)(1) of
8 this section, a person who violates subdivision (a)(1) of this section upon
9 conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-31-204, concerning the powers of the
12 Arkansas Forestry Commission, is amended to add an additional subsection to
13 read as follows:

14 (d) The commission may promulgate rules to establish a penalty matrix
15 for violations of the offenses under § 17-31-105(a).

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