

Notice Number 2024-44

Rule Number Fors 500

1. Agency Name & Address:  <b>Board of Licensing for Foresters c/o Office of Professional Licensure &amp; Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</b>	2. RSA Authority:	<b>RSA 310-A:102, II, IV, VII, and VIII</b>
	3. Federal Authority:	<b>n/a</b>
	4. Type of Action:	
	Adoption	
	Repeal	<b>X</b>
	Readoption	
	Readoption w/amendment	<b>X</b>

5. Short Title: **Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, Administrative Fines, and License Surrender**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

**The Board of Licensing for Foresters is proposing the following in Chapter Fors 500 titled “Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, Administrative Fines, and License Surrender:”**

- **Fors 501 describing ethical standards and professional conduct, containing Fors 501.01 and Fors 501.02 which describe the purpose and scope of Fors 501 and Fors 501.03 titled “Standards of Conduct” is being readopted with amendment to make various editorial changes and change pronouns to be nongender specific; and**
- **Fors 502 describing voluntary license surrender is being repealed.**

**The rules in this proposal were scheduled to expire 3-13-14 but have been extended pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

**The groups affected by these rule changes are licensed foresters.**

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Fors 501	RSA 310-A:102, VI; RSA 310-A:103
Fors 502 (repeal)	RSA 310-A:102, VII

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

☐ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.**

Physical Location: **Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
7 Eagle Square  
Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 24:035, dated 3/5/2024

**1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Fors 502 as this is being repealed.

**2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

**3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

Fors 502, pertaining to voluntary license surrender, is being repealed. There are no cost or benefits to the repeal of this part of the rules or to the proposed rules.

**A. To State general or State special funds:**

None

**B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None

**C. To independently owned businesses:**

None

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

**These rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. These rules do not mandate or assign this program to any political subdivision in any way.**