

By Mr. Chmura of Ludlow, petition of Steve T. Chmura, Frank J. Matrango, Raymond M. LaFontaine and Robert W. Gillette relative to establishing a scholarship and intern program in the Division of Forests and Parks of the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERN PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION OF FORESTS AND PARKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 4G the following section:—

3 *Section 4H.* There shall be in the division of forestry
4 scholarship intern program which shall be administered by the
5 director.

6 The director, subject to appropriation and grants from other
7 sources, may grant scholarships providing for the payment of
8 room, board, tuition and other fees to any person who is eligible
9 to attend an accredited college or university and who enrolls at
10 such college or university in a course of study leading to a
11 degree satisfactory to the director. In no event shall any student
12 receive such scholarship aid for more than four years.

13 To be eligible for such scholarship a person shall (1) be a
14 citizen of the United States and a resident of the commonwealth;
15 (2) be a high school graduate or have an equivalent education;
16 (3) have been accepted for admission as a regular student in an
17 accredited college or university approved by the director to
18 pursue a course of instruction satisfactory to the director; (4)
19 contract, with the consent of his parent or legal guardian if he is
20 a minor, with the director or his designated representative, to
21 serve with the division for a period of three years following his
22 graduation, and to serve with the division during the regular

23 periods of summer vacation while attending such college or
24 university except for such vacation periods as the director may
25 establish by regulation; provided, however, that the division
26 shall not be liable to pay wages to said student during said
27 vacation periods.

28 The director may, subject to available appropriations and
29 grants from other sources, establish within the division a
30 program of graduate study for eligible persons wishing to attend
31 any accredited graduate program at a college or university in
32 order to further the training of personnel for the more efficient
33 administration of his division.

34 The scholarship awards or aid granted by the director under
35 this section shall be on a competitive basis.

36 The director may adopt such rules and regulations as he
37 deems necessary to carry out the programs authorized by this
38 section.