At the last state-wide meeting of Soil Scientists in Florida, the group was polled as to its interest in registration and organization. The result was unanimous interest. Based on this interest, a committee was appointed by the State Soil Scientist to work on registration and organization. The committee is composed of a University of Florida Professor (Dr. Victor Carlisle), a State Soil Survey Staff member (James Brasfield), a retired Soil Scientist (David Powell), and a Party Leader (Buster Thomas).

A Bill for an Act to establish the profession and regulation of professional soil classifying, and to provide for penalties, has been prepared by the committee and is ready for submission to the Legislature of the State of Florida. The Bill was reviewed by J. Ernest Webb, Attorney for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Mr. Webb suggested changes that made the Bill congruous with Florida laws. The committee was most grateful to have had copies of Acts from North Dakota, South Carolina, and Maine to use as aids and guides in preparing the Florida Bill. The Bill was prepared on the committee's own time, and has been relatively expense-free other than for some minor reproduction costs. All soil scientists in Florida were given the opportunity to review a draft of the Bill.

The details of the Bill are too many to enumerate in this article; some details, however, may be of special interest. Because of Florida law, fees in the Bill had to be specific. The registration fee for professional soil classifiers is $50, and for soil classifier-in-training certification or enrollment, $25. The annual renewal fee is $5. In researching for the Bill, we found that Florida law allows land surveyors to enter lands of third parties. We added a section to our Bill to allow soil classifiers the same privilege. So that other States can avail themselves of this information, this section is given here in its entirety.

SECTION 27. REGISTERED SOIL CLASSIFIERS AND SOIL CLASSIFIERS-IN-TRAINING AUTHORIZED TO ENTER LANDS OF THIRD PARTIES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS—Registered soil classifiers and soil classifiers-in-training are hereby granted permission and authority to go on, over, and upon the lands of others when necessary to do so to practice soil classifying or to make soil surveys, and to carry with them their agents; servants and employees necessary for that purpose, and that such entry under the right hereby granted shall not constitute trespass. Such registered soil classifiers or soil classifiers-in-training shall not nor shall their agents, servants, or employees so entering under the right hereby granted be liable to arrest or a civil action by reason of such entry; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed as giving the said registered soil classifiers or soil classifiers-in-training, their agents, servants, or employees any right to destroy, injure, damage, or remove anything from said lands of another without the written permission of the landowner.