

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

HORTICULTURE: Provides relative to arboricultural and utility arboricultural examination and license renewal requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3807(B)(1) and 3808(A)(2) and (O)(2), relative to arborists;
3 to provide for arboricultural examination requirements; to provide for utility
4 arboricultural examination requirements; to provide for license renewal requirements
5 for arborists and utility arborists; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:3807(B)(1) and 3808(A)(2) and (O)(2) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3807. Examinations

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11 B. The examination for each profession shall be compiled from lists of
12 questions submitted by the following organizations:

13 (1) The arboricultural examination shall be compiled from a list of questions
14 submitted by the Louisiana Arborist Association, the Louisiana State University
15 Agricultural Center, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The
16 utility arboricultural examination shall be a separate examination pertaining to utility
17 tree work and shall be compiled from a list of questions submitted by the Louisiana
18 Arborist Association, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and the
19 Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

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1 §3808. Terms and conditions of licenses and permits

2 A. A person who presents himself as, or advertises as, engaging in the
3 arborist profession shall be required to obtain a license which shall subject that
4 person to the following provisions:

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6 (2) For license renewal, each arborist ~~is required to~~ shall complete the
7 following:

8 (a) ~~attend~~ Attend a continuing training seminar administered by the
9 Louisiana Arborist Association, and as determined by rule by the commission.

10 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers
11 compensation insurance.

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13 O. Utility arborists shall be subject to the following provisions:

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15 (2) For license renewal, each utility arborist ~~is required to~~ shall complete the
16 following:

17 (a) ~~attend~~ Attend a continuing training seminar administered by the
18 Louisiana Arborist Association and as determined by rule by the commission.

19 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers
20 compensation insurance.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires submission of questions by the Louisiana Arborist Association for arboricultural examinations and utility arboricultural examinations and requires that the Louisiana Arborist Association provide continuing training seminars for license renewals for arborists and utility arborists.

Present law requires that the arboricultural examination and utility arboricultural examination are compiled from a list of questions submitted by LSU Agricultural Center and La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Proposed law retains present law and adds La. Arborist Association to the list of entities required to submit questions for the arboricultural examination and utility arboricultural examination.

Present law requires that arborists and utility arborists attend a continuing training seminar as determined by rule by the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring that the continuing training seminar be administered by the La. Arborist Association for license renewals for arborists and utility arborists. Further requires proof of general insurance and workers compensation insurance.

(Amends R.S. 3:3807(B)(1) and 3808(A)(2) and (O)(2))