## DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires an arborist license for the purpose of obtaining any insurance required for arborists.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that failure to obtain the insurance required for arborists as outlined in administrative rule LAC 7:XXIX.117(E)(2) constitutes a horticulture violation.

Present law (R.S. 3:3810.2) provides the following civil penalties for horticulture violations:

- (1) \$500 per violation, if the person was not found guilty in a prior adjudication.
- (2) \$1000 per violation, if the person was found guilty in a prior adjudication.
- (3) \$1,500 per violation, if the person was found guilty in two or more prior adjudications.
- (4) The commission may assess the costs of the adjudicatory hearing.

(Adds R.S. 3:3810(A)(9))