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DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 3:3801 et seq.) creates the Horticulture Commission which regulates the following professions:

- (1) Arborist.
- (2) Retail florist.
- (3) Wholesale florist.
- (4) Landscape horticulturist.
- (5) Landscape architect.
- (6) Utility arborist.
- (7) Landscape irrigation contractors.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits a person from receiving fees for engaging in a regulated profession, or advertising as engaged in a regulated profession, or soliciting business in a regulated profession, unless the person holds a valid appropriate license issued by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or has a regular employee who holds a valid appropriate license issued by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or is employed by or is working under the direct supervision of a person who holds a valid appropriate license issued by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law exempts a licensed contractor that is performing repair work within a right-of-way that costs less than \$10,000 from the licensure requirements of present law.

Proposed law defines "repair work" as the restoration or replacement of sod disrupted during the course of performing work within the scope of a construction contract or permit.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 3:3816(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Changes the cap on the value of the repair work from less than 5% of the total value of a construction contract to less than \$10,000.