

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 587

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

INSURERS: Provides relative to liability insurance for arborists

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1432, relative to general liability and workers' compensation insurance; to
3 provide relative to potential arborists; to require potential arborists to provide proof
4 of application to insurers; to require insurers' proof of application prior to issuance
5 of policies; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1432 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1432. General liability and workers' compensation insurance; prohibitions;
9 penalties

10 A. Notwithstanding the insurance requirements of LAC 7:XXIX.117(E)(2),
11 an insurer writing general liability and workers' compensation policies in this state
12 shall not issue a policy to a person who purports to becoming a licensed arborist,
13 pursuant to R.S. 3:3801 et seq., unless such person provides the insurer with a copy
14 of the person's application for a license to become an arborist on the form prescribed
15 by the Horticulture Commission of Louisiana.

16 B. The commissioner may assess a penalty not in excess of one thousand
17 dollars against any person who submits a false application pursuant to this Section.

DIGEST

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HB 587 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires potential arborists to provide proof of application to insurers prior to receipt of insurance policies for the profession.

Proposed law prohibits an insurer writing general liability and workers' compensation insurance policies in this state from issuing policies to persons who do not first show proof of application to become licensed as an arborist, as provided in present law (R.S. 3:3801 et seq.)

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of insurance to assess a penalty not in excess of \$1,000 against any person who submits a false application.

(Adds R.S. 22:1432)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Authorize the commissioner of insurance to assess a penalty not in excess of \$1,000 against any person who submits a false application to an insurer.
2. Make technical changes.