

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

1 Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and the Louisiana
2 Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

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4 §3808. Terms and conditions of licenses and permits

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

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

11 (a) ~~attend~~ Attend a continuing training seminar that may be administered by
12 the Louisiana Arborist Association or any other entity as determined by rule by the
13 commission.

14 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers
15 compensation insurance, if applicable.

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

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

21 (a) ~~attend~~ Attend a continuing training seminar that may be administered by
22 the Louisiana Arborist Association or any other entity as determined by rule by the
23 commission.

24 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers
25 compensation insurance, if applicable.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires submission of questions by the La. Arborist Assoc. and the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center for arboricultural examinations and utility arboricultural examinations and requires that the La. Arborist Assoc. or any other entity as determined by the commission to provide continuing training seminars for license renewals for arborists and utility arborists. Further provides for the requirements for license renewals.

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 the La. Arborist Assoc. and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center to the 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 authorizing the La. Arborist Assoc. or any other entity as determined by the commission to administer the continuing training seminar for license renewals for arborists and utility arborists. Proposed law further clarifies that proof of general insurance and workers compensation is required, if applicable.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center to the entities required to submit questions for the arboricultural examination and utility arboricultural examination.
2. Authorize any other entity as determined by the commission to administer the continuing training seminars for license renewals for arborists and utility arborists.