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HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

HORTICULTURE: Authorizes the commissioner to issue temporary arborist licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:3816(7), relative to arborist licenses; to provide for the issuance of
3 temporary arborist licenses by the commissioner; to provide for certain temporary
4 arborist license requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:3816(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3816. Special provisions

8 The following provisions shall supersede the requirements and provisions of
9 this Chapter:

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11 (7)(a) In the event of a catastrophe and a declaration of emergency, the
12 commissioner may issue a temporary arborist license authorizing a person to perform
13 the measures specified by R.S. 3:3808(A).

14 (b) Applicants for a temporary arborist license shall:

15 (i) Be licensed in another state as a result of passing a state examination or
16 have acquired International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certification.

17 (ii) Present proof of license in another state or proof of ISA Certification.

18 (iii) Present a certification of insurance as provided in LAC
19 7:XXIX.117(E)(2).

20 (iv) Pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars.

1 (c) The temporary arborist license shall be applied for within ninety days of
2 the declaration of emergency and shall be in effect for a period of ninety days from
3 the date of issuance.

4 (d) If the holder of the temporary arborist license desires to continue
5 performing measures specified in R.S. 3:3808(A) beyond the ninety-day period, he
6 shall be required to obtain an arborist license through normal procedures established
7 by the Louisiana Horticulture Commission for such license.

DIGEST

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HB No. 242

Abstract: Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to issue temporary arborist licenses in the event of a catastrophe and declaration of emergency.

Proposed law provides that in the event of a catastrophe and a declaration of emergency, the commissioner may issue a temporary arborist license authorizing a person to perform the measures specified by present law, which are the removal of a tree or a portion of a tree, measures to prolong the life of a tree, and measures to enhance the aesthetic value of a tree.

Proposed law requires applicants for a temporary arborist license to be licensed in another state as a result of successful completion of a state exam or to have acquired International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certification; present proof of license from another state or proof of ISA Certification; present a certification of insurance as provided by law; and pay a fee of \$150.

Proposed law requires the temporary arborist license be applied for within 90 days of the declaration of emergency and shall remain in effect for 90 days from date of issuance. Further provides that if the temporary arborist licensee wishes to continue performing arborist measures as specified by present law, he is required to obtain an arborist license through normal licensing procedures established by the La. Horticulture Commission.

(Adds R.S. 3:3816(7))