
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))