### SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

# SB 163 2020 Regular Session Cathey

# KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HORTICULTURE. Provides an exception for certain contractors to the licensure requirements of the Horticulture Commission. (gov sig)

#### SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Add a cap on the total land size of the repair work must cover less than 5,000 square feet instead of a dollar cap.

### DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

#### **DIGEST**

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<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts a licensed contractor that is performing repair work within a right-of-way that covers less than 5,000 sq. ft. from the licensure requirements of <u>present</u> law.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))

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