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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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires that arborists and utility arborists attend a continuing training seminar as determined by rule by the commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> 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. <u>Proposed law</u> 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 <u>House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,</u> 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.