

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

HORTICULTURE: Provides relative to license renewal requirements for arborists and utility arborists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3808(A)(2)(b) and (P)(2)(b), relative to license renewal
3 requirements for arborists and utility arborists; to require arborists and utility
4 arborists to show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers'
5 compensation insurance for license renewals or provide documentation
6 demonstrating that they are exempt; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:3808(A)(2)(b) and (P)(2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §3808. Terms and conditions of licenses and permits

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

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15 (2) For license renewal, each arborist shall do the following:

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17 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers'
18 compensation insurance, ~~if applicable~~ or provide documentation demonstrating that
19 they are exempt.

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1 P. Utility arborists shall be subject to the following provisions:

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3 (2) For license renewal, each utility arborist shall do the following:

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5 (b) Show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers'
6 compensation insurance, ~~if applicable~~ or provide documentation demonstrating that
7 they are exempt.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires arborists and utility arborists applying for license renewals show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers' compensation insurance or provide documentation demonstrating that they are exempt.

Present law requires each arborist applying for license renewal to show proof of current and sufficient general liability and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the "if applicable" qualifier for workers' compensation insurance and instead requires all arborists, as a condition of license renewal, to either show proof of current and sufficient workers' compensation insurance or provide documentation demonstrating that they are exempt.

Present law requires each utility arborist applying for license renewal to show proof of current and sufficient general liability and worker' compensation insurance, if applicable.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the "if applicable" qualifier for workers' compensation insurance and instead requires all utility arborists, as a condition of license renewal, to either show proof of current and sufficient workers' compensation insurance or provide documentation demonstrating that they are exempt.

(Amends R.S. 3:3808(A)(2)(b) and (P)(2)(b))