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## DIGEST

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HB 561 Original

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Emerson

**Abstract:** Repeals the regulation, examination, and licensing of retail and wholesale florists.

Present law authorizes a retail florist to arrange or supervise the arrangement of floral designs which include living or freshly cut plant materials and to sell at retail floral designs, cut flowers, and ornamental plants in pots normally and customarily sold by florists.

Present law authorizes a wholesale florist to prepare and sell cut flowers, plant materials, and ornamental plants in pots normally and customarily used by retail florists to persons who hold a retail florist's license and to prepare and sell cut flowers to persons who hold a cut flower dealer's permit. However, prohibits a wholesale florist from arranging or selling floral designs.

Present law provides that the membership of the Horticulture Commission includes a retail florist and a wholesale florist. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the regulation, examination, and licensing of retail and wholesale florists. Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law declares that any rule or regulation providing for the regulation, examination, and licensing of retail and wholesale florists are null, void, and without effect upon the effective date of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the department to issue a notice of intent to amend their rules and regulations in conformity with proposed law on or before Sept. 1, 2018 and adopt same on or before Dec. 1, 2018.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:3801(A)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 3:3801(A)(5) and (6) and (C)(2) and (3), 3804(A)(2) and (3), 3807(B)(2) and (3), and 3808(B) and (C))