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HOUSE BILL NO. 25

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CONTRACTORS: Establishes an exemption to the subject matter exam for licensed arborists who apply for a landscape, grading, and beautification building contractors' license in order to perform certain arborist work

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:2156.1(N), relative to certain state contractors' licenses; to provide for an
3 exemption from certain examination requirements for licensed arborists; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:2156.1(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2156.1. Requirements for issuance of a license

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9 N.(1) Any arborist who currently holds a valid state license issued pursuant
10 to R.S. 3:3804 shall be exempt from any requirement herein for passage of an
11 additional examination in the landscaping, grading, and beautification classification
12 and may bid and perform the arborist work described in R.S. 3:3808(A)(a) statewide
13 after making application to the board for such exemption on a form prepared by the
14 board.

15 (2) Nothing herein shall be construed to permit arborists to recommend or
16 execute arborist work without first complying with the licensure provisions of
17 Chapter 24 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:3801 et seq.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows licensed arborists to be exempt from additional examination requirements to be licensed as building contractors in order to bid on arborist work statewide.

Present law requires a contractor license of anyone performing work as a "contractor", which contractor licenses are divided into various subclassifications. Present law requires that in order for an arborist to bid on or perform work that qualifies as "construction" under the state contractors law, the arborist must pass an examination in the landscaping, grading, and beautification classification. Present law requires arborists to be licensed by the Horticulture Commission of La. in order to recommend or execute certain arborist activities. Such licensure requires, among other things, passage of a written examination.

Proposed law retains present law but allows a licensed arborist, who wants to receive a license under the landscaping, grading, and beautification classification from the contractor's board in order to bid on or perform work that qualifies as "construction" under the law, to be exempt from an additional examination. Proposed law limits the "construction" work allowed to the work described in the arborist provisions as the removal of a tree or portion of a tree, recommending or executing measures to prolong the life of a tree, and recommending or executing measures to enhance the aesthetic value of a tree. Proposed law retains all present law requirements for licensure as an arborist and specifies that licensure as an arborist is still required to recommend or execute arborist work.

(Adds R.S. 37:2156.1(N))