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## **CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 2.7.19**

Fellow ILASLA Members,

As you may be aware, we are pursuing legislation during the Spring Legislative Session that creates the Landscape Architect Practice Act in Illinois. The current Landscape Architect Title Act expires January 1, 2020 and without a legislative change the profession of landscape architecture may risk non-regulation in the State of Illinois. The other design practice acts (Architecture, Professional and Structural Engineering, and Land Surveyors) will also sunset January 1, 2020. The Landscape Architect Practice Act legislation will be introduced in the Senate in mid-February. We have been coordinating draft language with the following groups since last year: Illinois Green Industry Association; Illinois Landscape Contractors Association; American Institute of Architects Illinois; Illinois Society of Professional Engineers; Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association; and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

If you have not already, we encourage you to contact your state senator and request a meeting to discuss the importance of passing the Landscape Architect Practice Act. Once the bill is formally introduced, we will send you the bill number so you can refer to it when discussing the bill and sign in support of the bill when it is posted for hearing. The bill will be assigned to the Senate Licensed Activities Committee. We aim to educate all 59 senate members but are currently focused on the nine committee members listed below.

Chair	Senator Emil Jones, III (D-14, Chicago)
Vice-Chair	Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant (D- 49, Shorewood)
	Senator Omar Aquino (D-2, Chicago)
	Senator Christopher Belt (D-57, Cahokia)
	Senator Rachelle Crowe (D-56, Glen Carbon)
	Senator Martin Sandoval (D-11, Chicago)
Minority Spokesperson	Senator Neil Anderson (R-36, Rock Island)

Senator Dale Fowler (R-59, Harrisburg)

Senator Chuck Weaver (R-37, Peoria)

If you are a constituent of one of these senators there is a high probability that Mark Jirik, our Advocacy Chair, has already contacted you but if not, then please reach him directly at [advocacy@il-asla.org](mailto:advocacy@il-asla.org). To learn of or verify your local senator, simply type your home address into the field here: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/illinois-senate/>.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout this legislative process. Please let us know if you would like any assistance in scheduling meetings with your senator and/or if you have any questions. Materials are available to share in meetings if you wish to contact us. Any and all feedback gathered from these meetings is highly valuable and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your assistance.

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**We Need Your Help to Fund the Effort!**

