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As Wednesday's Advocacy Update alerted, a Landscape Architecture Practice Act will not be moving forward during the upcoming Fall Veto session due to ongoing deliberations with the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR / Department). The events leading up to this decision only transpired within the last week. The decision by the Executive Committee to pause the practice act effort resulted after an October 16th phone call between our government affairs specialist and the Department. The Department stated they would not be supportive of a landscape architecture practice act at this time. Despite our best efforts up to this point, it appears we still have work ahead of us in persuading the Department to change their position on this matter. We are frustrated and disappointed. The fall legislative session begins today, and we need to focus on the renewal and extension of the title act before it sunsets at the end of the year. The title act must be renewed so that we have some form of licensure to fall back on.

We are currently working with the Department to get the title act extended. Per correspondence with the Department late last week, they have agreed to support the renewal of the existing title act. An amendment has been drafted to House Bill 2957 (Harris-D/Davis-D), the Department's bill to extend the landscape architecture title act introduced this past spring. Our amendment extends the title act for ten years. It will be adopted to the bill in the Senate and will pass on the Third Reading. The bill will then pass over to the House for a concurrence vote of the House amendment. Once the title act is renewed, and we are back on solid footing, we will regroup on the practice act effort and reassess our approach.

Because the Department has agreed to renew the existing title act, for the immediate time being we will not activate the ASLA iAdvocate Alert system. Instead, we will begin on a more coordinated approach with the membership starting as soon as we have the title act renewal in place. Please continue to be on the watch for and attentive to future Advocacy Updates.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know. Thanks again for your continued assistance and support in this effort.

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