



ASLA ILLINOIS

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Fellow ILASLA Members,

We have been working with the Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR), Senate and House staff, and our legislative sponsors to pass the ten-year extension of the Landscape Architecture Title Act (HB 2957) during the recent six-day Veto Session. The bill is sponsored by Senator Napoleon Harris and Representative Will Davis. The Senate passed the bill on Wednesday, November 13, and it was sent over to the House for the concurrence of the Senate Amendment. Unfortunately, on the last day of the Veto Session, November 14, the House did not call the bill for a vote. There was no opposition to the bill. However, without advance notice, the House limited the issues called in that chamber. Our bill was among several others that were not called to a vote and currently remains in the Rules Committee until the Spring Legislative Session. Thus, we must now wait for the General Assembly to return to Springfield on January 28. They are scheduled to be in session through January 30. We are working closely with our governmental affairs representative, House sponsor, House staff, and IDFPR and Governor's Office staff to ensure the bill is passed during the Spring Legislative Session.

The IDFPR has informed us that they will continue to recognize the Landscape Architecture Title Act while we work to pass HB 2957.

We will continue to keep you informed as this process unfolds. In the meantime, we intend to activate the iAdvocate network, and we will request your participation. Participation in the iAdvocate network takes less than 2 minutes and will be critical in ensuring our profession is kept in front of our State Legislators. Finally, our Advocacy Team is in the process of scheduling Legislative site tours and office visits for the coming year. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Mark Jirik.

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Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend!