



## CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 2.11.2020

Fellow Members and Advocates,

We have been meeting with staff from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the House of Representatives negotiating the landscape architecture title act reinstatement language. We are close to reaching an agreement on the language but have a couple of key items that are still unresolved with discussions ongoing. Yesterday afternoon, House Bill 4765 (HB4765 – The Landscape Architecture Registration Act) was introduced and assigned to the House Labor Committee. This bill intends to reinstate a landscape architecture title act. Please note however, that this version is a placeholder and is not the final version. As soon as we arrive at the final bill language in conjunction with the Department, an amendment will be filed and adopted to the bill in committee. The deadline for the bill to pass the committee is March 27, 2020. We will continue to keep you updated as this moves through the legislative process.

[The full text of the in-progress bill is available here.](#)

Per ongoing discussion with the Department, we anticipate numerous changes. These involve definition of 'technical submissions,' reinstatement of a Landscape Architecture Registration Board, improved title protection like that in our previous act, strikethrough of Section 45 Subsection (b), and registration renewals without fee for those registered under the previous title act who had renewed their registrations prior to January 1, 2020, among several others.

We will send another advocacy update to chapter membership once the amendment with finalized bill language is filed and adopted to the bill.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns – please contact Advocacy Chair Mark Jirik at [mark.jirik@site.design.com](mailto:mark.jirik@site.design.com).

Thank you again for your continued assistance and support.

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