



CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 1.14.21

Re: Illinois Lame Duck Session

Fellow Members and Advocates,

The General Assembly returned to Springfield for the Lame Duck Session last weekend. This shortened session's primary focus was to pass the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' four pillars of reform and any outstanding issues. Our legislative sponsors, Representative Theresa Mah and Senator Ram Villivalam, were instrumental in getting the Landscape Architect Title Act reinstatement added to HB 3469, an omnibus bill that contained numerous issues. The bill was amended, passed the Senate, and returned to the House to concur with the Senate amendments. Unfortunately, the election of House Speaker overshadowed the workings in the House. The House did not call our bill, or six additional bills sent by the Senate before they concluded business at noon on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Representative Mah and Senator Villivalam have agreed to introduce bills in this upcoming spring legislative session to reinstate the title act with a ten-year sunset. The Department of Financial & Professional Regulation supports this legislation moving forward. With strong bill sponsors and the support of the IDFPR, we are optimistic that the Title Act will be reinstated through the legislative process this year.

The ILASLA executive committee thanks you for your patience and ongoing support throughout this challenging, difficult time. Please be well. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support and/or become involved with related advocacy efforts, please reach out to Susan Ragaishis, Executive Director, or Mark Jirik, Advocacy Chair.

Sincerely,

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