



CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 1.28.22

Re: Update on Landscape Architecture Registration Act: Rules Process Continues

Fellow ILASLA Members and Advocates,

Title/Registration Act Update

In November 2021, we informed you that Governor Pritzker signed SB 214 (the Landscape Architect Registration Act) into law (August 6, 2021). The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR/the Department) has been preparing to reinstate regulation of the profession. They will be filing proposed rules that further define the law.

As of the end of 2021, IDFPR had not completed the rules section, despite ILASLA being told that was their internal deadline. However, the rules have recently been forwarded to the Governor's office after another significant push by ILASLA and bill sponsors Illinois Senator Ram Villivalam (D-8) and Representative Theresa Mah (D-2). Upon review and approval by the Governor's Office, the drafted rules will then move onto the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) process for review, including two 45-day public review sessions. ILASLA will review the rules and provide input during these sessions. We expect the process to be complete by mid-2022.

We know how important it is to get our registrations reinstated, and we will continue to coordinate with IDFPR regarding the proposed rules and the timeframe for the registration reinstatement. We will keep you updated as we move through this final regulatory process.

Other Advocacy Efforts

As a part of contracting a lobbyist, we receive monthly reports on legislative bills that may affect our profession. We are looking to expand our Advocacy Committee in order to evaluate these bills and take a stance in the best interest of ILASLA. If you are interested in joining the Advocacy Committee to review these types of issues, please let Mark Jirik, Committee Chair, know at mark.jirik@site-design.com.

Relationship building has continued with legislators throughout the summer and fall months. Our members have been attending Listening Events and Outreach Meetings for legislators, and we hope you can attend if requested. This outreach is vital to help us amplify our voice in Illinois.

Lastly, the Executive and Advocacy Committee continues to raise funds for legislative efforts and contract our lobbyist. Revenue from Events, which feeds into the Advocacy Fund, was understandably down the last two years, and we would be very appreciative of any individual donations. [Check here to donate online](#). And see [who has contributed here](#) – thank you to all of you!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support and become involved with related advocacy efforts, please reach out to one of us below.

Sincerely,

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