

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 28

An act relating to the regulation of landscape architects.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a Sec. 4 to read:

Sec. 4. FINDINGS

(a) The general assembly finds that:

(1) All states in the United States, with the exception of Vermont, regulate the profession of landscape architects.

(2) Most states do not have sunrise criteria for regulation of new professions such as that set forth in chapter 57 of Title 26.

(3) Landscape architecture is the fastest growing profession among design professions.

(4) Architects', engineers' and landscape architects' scopes of practice overlap.

(5) Architects and engineers are licensed by the state of Vermont, while landscape architects are not.

(6) The general welfare of Vermonters is impacted by the work of landscape architects and those impacts continue to grow with the growth of the profession.

(7) There are economic and environmental side effects resulting from the lack of regulation of landscape architects.

(8) It is clear that the provisions set forth in this act may benefit the Vermont economy and environment by promoting the landscape architect profession within and outside of the state.

(9) While it is not clear that regulation of landscape architects will benefit the public health, safety or welfare, or that unregulated practice will harm or endanger the public, health safety or welfare, the potential for those issues to affect Vermonters is bound to increase as the services become more popular.

(10) Based on the foregoing, the profession of landscape architects should be licensed as set forth in this act.

Second: By striking Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read:

Sec. 3. REVIEW BY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; REPEAL

(a) Sec. 2 of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2014.

(b) On or before December 31, 2013, the director shall file a report with the house and senate committees on government operations on whether this act has benefited the public health, safety or welfare. The report shall make a specific finding of whether or not this act has benefited the public health, safety or welfare. If the report finds no such benefit, this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2014.