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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB788

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2016

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB788 would update the Professional Landscape Architects Act. The Bill makes the following substantive changes:

1. Revises the definitions of Landscape Architecture and Professional Landscape Architect.
2. Adds definitions for Coordinating Professional, Design Professional, Landscape Architect Intern, and License.
3. Gives authority to the Board to recover costs associated with online renewals and applications.
4. Gives authority to the Board to cover costs to promote licensure.
5. Changes from an annual to biennial license renewal.
6. Revises licensure requirements to allow for licensure by experience and applicants without a Council of Architect Registration Board (CLARB) certified council record.
7. Expands on the actions the Board may take on compliance cases.
8. Adds the procedure the Board is to following on compliance cases.
9. Gives the Board authority to access a penalty and the ability to recover costs on compliance cases.
10. Revises the exemptions for when a professional landscape architect is not required.
11. Expands on when a seal is required.
12. Removes the military renewal exemption (this will be added to the Rules).
13. Removes the reinstatement procedure (this will be added to the Rules).
14. Adds provision for applicants with a non-Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) accredited degree to sit for the landscape architect exam.
15. Adds the Landscape Architect Intern status and requirements.
16. Adds the Coordinating Professional requirement on landscape architect design projects.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Cook