

STATEMENT OF THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

SUPPORT

Senate Bill 716 - State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

March 3, 2023

On behalf of The Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, we request your support for Senate Bill 716. This legislation extends the sunset of the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects to 2034, in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act.

Landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environment through science and design. Licensure and regulatory compliance under the Maryland statute, and regulations by the State Board of Examiners, ensure that only capable, trained professionals are performing landscape architecture work that impacts public health, safety, and community welfare for Maryland's built environments.

Landscape architects are at the forefront of the design profession leading the way to meeting rigorous, but important goals for the State. This includes implementing Forest Conservation measures, the Conservation Finance and Clean Water Commerce Acts, complying with the Critical Area and Stormwater Management programs, and supporting urban tree canopy goals, to name a few. Landscape architects will continue to be innovators protecting the public from the effects of climate change through resiliency, and designing and creating dynamic, equitable spaces for all of Maryland's citizens.

The Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects fully supports this legislation and urges a favorable vote on Senate Bill 716.



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