
SB0256 (HB0485)

Date: February 5, 2026

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill Title: State Board of Professional Landscape Architects - Revisions

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this letter today on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects (the Board). Senate Bill 256 modernizes much of the language of the current Title Act; eliminates outdated procedures and terms, further clarifying existing requirements for licensure in Maryland. Professional landscape architects work to ensure design spaces are accessible and protect the public health, safety, welfare and property.

The Landscape Architects Act has not been reviewed in over 20 years, during which time both the practice of landscape architecture and the licensing process for landscape architects have changed significantly. By updating and modernizing the Landscape Architects Act, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects will be able to continue regulating the profession effectively, ensuring public benefits now and for the foreseeable future. The Board respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee. Members of the Board are prepared to answer any questions the committee may have about SB 256.

Respectfully,

Zevi Thomas

Executive Director

Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects