



**Senate Bill No. 132**

**Public Act No. 10-48**

**AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 20-306b of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

(a) One or more architects, each of whom is licensed under the provisions of chapter 390, one or more landscape architects, each of whom is licensed under the provisions of chapter 396, one or more professional engineers or one or more land surveyors each of whom is licensed under the provisions of this chapter, may form a corporation or limited liability company for the joint practice of architecture, landscape architecture, professional engineering, [and] land surveying services [,] or [for the joint practice of architecture and professional engineering services, or for the joint practice of architecture and land surveying services, or for the joint practice of professional engineering and land surveying services] any combination of such practices or services, provided (1) one or more persons licensed as architects, landscape architects, engineers or land surveyors under chapter 390, chapter 396 or this chapter [together] own not less than two-thirds of the voting stock of the corporation or not less than two-thirds of the voting interests of the limited liability company, and the members of

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each profession forming the corporation or limited liability company together own at least twenty per cent of the voting stock of the corporation or at least twenty per cent of the voting interests of the limited liability company, (2) the personnel in responsible charge of the practice of architecture for such corporation or limited liability company shall be licensed under chapter 390, [and] the personnel in responsible charge of the practice of engineering or land surveying for such corporation or limited liability company shall be licensed under this chapter, and the personnel in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture for such corporation or limited liability company shall be licensed under chapter 396, and (3) such corporation or limited liability company has been issued a joint certificate of registration by the Department of Consumer Protection at the direction of the Architectural Licensing Board, [and] the State Board of Landscape Architects or the appropriate members of the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors designated to administer the provisions of this chapter with respect to professional engineers or land surveyors. Such corporation or limited liability company shall, upon request by the Architectural Licensing Board, State Board of Landscape Architects or the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, provide the requesting board with information concerning its officers, directors, members, beneficial owners and all other aspects of its business organization. Corporations for such joint practice in existence as of July 1, 1992, may continue to be governed by the provisions of this subsection as revised to 1989, provided the certificate issued under this section did not expire more than two years before that date.

(b) Application by such corporation or limited liability company for a certificate of registration under this section shall be made to [both] all applicable boards jointly on a form prescribed by the department and accompanied by an application fee of five hundred sixty-five dollars. Each such certificate shall expire annually and shall be renewable upon

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payment of a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars, if all requirements of chapter 390 or 396 and this chapter with respect to corporate or limited liability company practice are met. The boards by joint action may refuse to authorize the issuance or renewal of a certificate if any facts exist which would entitle the boards to suspend or revoke an existing certificate.

(c) Any corporation or limited liability company issued a certificate under this section shall be required to comply with all provisions of chapter 390 or 396 and this chapter with respect to corporate or limited liability company practice.

(d) No such corporation or limited liability company shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, members or officers by reason of its compliance with the provisions of this section, nor shall any individual practicing architecture, landscape architecture, engineering or land surveying be relieved of responsibility for services performed by reason of his or her employment or relationship with such corporation or limited liability company.

(e) All fees collected under this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

(f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and assistance of the Architectural Licensing Board, the State Board of Landscape Architects and the appropriate members of the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors designated to administer the provisions of this chapter with respect to professional engineers or land surveyors, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

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