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**Raised Bill No. 132**

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.**

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

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2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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

4 (a) One or more architects, each of whom is licensed under the  
5 provisions of chapter 390, one or more landscape architects, each of  
6 whom is licensed under the provisions of chapter 396, one or more  
7 professional engineers or one or more land surveyors each of whom is  
8 licensed under the provisions of this chapter, may form a corporation  
9 or limited liability company for the joint practice of architecture,  
10 landscape architecture, professional engineering, [and] land surveying  
11 services [,] or [for the joint practice of architecture and professional  
12 engineering services, or for the joint practice of architecture and land  
13 surveying services, or for the joint practice of professional engineering  
14 and land surveying services] any combination of such practices or  
15 services, provided (1) one or more persons licensed as architects,  
16 landscape architects, engineers or land surveyors under chapter 390,  
17 chapter 396 or this chapter [together] own not less than two-thirds of

18 the voting stock of the corporation or not less than two-thirds of the  
19 voting interests of the limited liability company, and the members of  
20 each profession forming the corporation or limited liability company  
21 together own at least twenty per cent of the voting stock of the  
22 corporation or at least twenty per cent of the voting interests of the  
23 limited liability company, (2) the personnel in responsible charge of  
24 the practice of architecture for such corporation or limited liability  
25 company shall be licensed under chapter 390, [and] the personnel in  
26 responsible charge of the practice of engineering or land surveying for  
27 such corporation or limited liability company shall be licensed under  
28 this chapter, and the personnel in responsible charge of the practice of  
29 landscape architecture for such corporation or limited liability  
30 company shall be licensed under chapter 396, and (3) such corporation  
31 or limited liability company has been issued a joint certificate of  
32 registration by the Department of Consumer Protection at the direction  
33 of the Architectural Licensing Board, [and] the State Board of  
34 Landscape Architects or the appropriate members of the State Board of  
35 Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors designated  
36 to administer the provisions of this chapter with respect to professional  
37 engineers or land surveyors. Such corporation or limited liability  
38 company shall, upon request by the Architectural Licensing Board,  
39 State Board of Landscape Architects or the State Board of Examiners  
40 for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, provide the requesting  
41 board with information concerning its officers, directors, members,  
42 beneficial owners and all other aspects of its business organization.  
43 Corporations for such joint practice in existence as of July 1, 1992, may  
44 continue to be governed by the provisions of this subsection as revised  
45 to 1989, provided the certificate issued under this section did not  
46 expire more than two years before that date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	20-306b

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*