



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 142

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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2009 Assembly Bill 142 requires that an individual be registered as a landscape architect by the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors (board) to practice or offer to practice landscape architecture. "Landscape architecture" is the performance of a professional service involving conceptual land planning and conceptual design for integrated land development based on the analysis of environmental characteristics, operational requirements, land use, or commensurate land values. "Landscape architecture" includes the investigation, selection, or allocation of land or water resources for appropriate uses; the formulation of graphic or written criteria for a land planning or land construction program; the preparation, review, or analysis of a master plan for land use or development; the production of a graphic land area, grading, draining, irrigation, planting, or land construction plan; and the planning of a road, bridge, or other structure with respect to the aesthetic requirements of the area on which it will be constructed. The bill contains specific exemptions from the definition of "landscape architecture," including professional services performed by a registered architect, professional engineer, or registered land surveyor.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that no person may use any title or description tending to convey the impression that he or she is a landscape architect unless registered as a landscape architect by the board.

Assembly Amendment 2 removes the production of an irrigation plan from the list of activities included in the definition of "landscape architecture."

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Shilling, and Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Shilling and Knodl. On April 16, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Labor recommended adoption of the amendments on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1.

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