1997 SENATE BILL 412

January 21, 1998 – Introduced by Senator Breske, cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Ryba, Grothman and Gronemus. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 AN ACT relating to: registration requirements for landscape architects.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person may not use the title, "landscape architect", unless he or she is registered as a landscape architect with the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional geologists, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors (board). To qualify for registration, an applicant must do all of the following:

- 1. Pay a fee.
- 2. Not have an arrest or conviction record that substantially relates to the practice of landscape architecture.
 - 3. Pass an examination.
- 4. Have one of the following: a) a bachelor's or master's degree in landscape architecture and at least 2 years of practical experience in landscape architecture; or b) a specific record of 7 years of training and experience in the practice of landscape architecture, including at least 2 years of courses in landscape architecture and 4 years of practical experience.

A person who applied to the board for registration before December 31, 1995, was not required to pass the examination or satisfy the 4th requirement described above. Instead, the board was required to register such a person if he or she paid the fee, satisfied the arrest or conviction record requirement and had at least 7 years of training and experience in the practice of landscape architecture.

This bill establishes a 12-month period in which the board must register as a landscape architect an applicant who does all of the following:

- 1. Pays the fee.
- 2. Satisfies the arrest or conviction record requirement.
- 3. Has received a bachelor's or master's degree in landscape architecture.
- 4. Has completed, prior to December 31, 1995, at least 7 years of training and experience in the practice of landscape architecture.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) WAIVER OF EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION AS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.
- (a) Notwithstanding sections 440.035, 443.09 (4m) and 443.10 (2) (c) of the statutes, the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional geologists, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors shall register as a landscape architect, and grant a certificate of registration to, any individual who, no later than the last day of the 12th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph, submits an application for registration as a landscape architect, pays the fee under section 440.05 (1) of the statutes, satisfies the eligibility requirement under section 443.09 (2) of the statutes and submits satisfactory evidence to the examining board that he or she has done all of the following:
- 1. Received a bachelor's or master's degree specified in section 443.035 (1) (a) of the statutes.
- 2. Completed, prior to December 31, 1995, at least 7 years of training and experience in the practice of landscape architecture that is approved by the examining board.
- (b) A registration under paragraph (a) has the same force and effect as a registration as a landscape architect under chapter 443 of the statutes and may be renewed under section 443.10 (2) (e) of the statutes.