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Agenda



2024 Legislative Activity



Uniform Standard Implementation Update



2024 ARPL Update



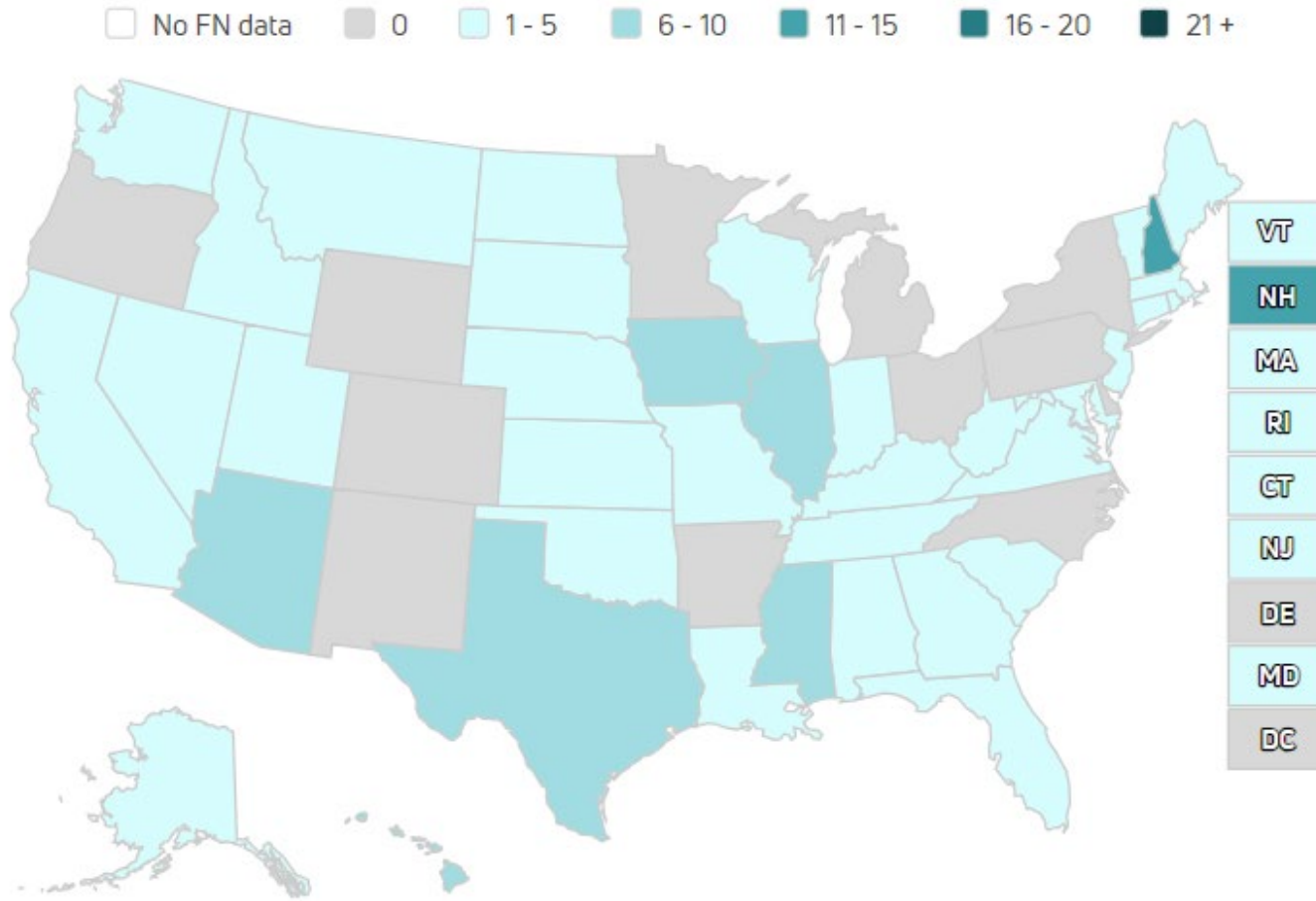
Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act



National Legislative Update



2024 Legislative Summary



- Total Occupational Bills: 152
- Deregulation: 0
- Universal Licensing: 25
- Military/Spouse: 13
- Sunset: 6
- Consumer Choice: 0
- Right to Earn a Living: 1



Maine Direct Application Legislation

Removes pre-approval requirement

Bill has passed

No difference between pass rates

Removal of barrier

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §220, sub-§2, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 415, Pt. A, §16, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) ~~To~~ Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, to be qualified for admission to the examination a license to practice landscape architecture in this State, an applicant must submit evidence to the board that the applicant has passed an examination administered by a national council of landscape architectural registration boards or an equivalent examination specified by board rule and:

(a) The applicant has completed a course of study in a school or college of landscape architecture approved by the board, with graduation evidenced by a diploma setting forth a satisfactory degree, and ~~2 years of practical experience in landscape architectural work of a grade and character satisfactory to as prescribed by the board by rule;~~ or

(b) The applicant has training or practical experience, or a combination of both, that in the opinion of the board is fully equivalent to that required in division (a).



Board
Mergers: New
Hampshire
HB 1408



Board
Mergers:

Utah HB 534



Board
Mergers:

Iowa SF 2385



Sunset Review: California



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Sunset Review: Washington



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Sunset Review: Arizona



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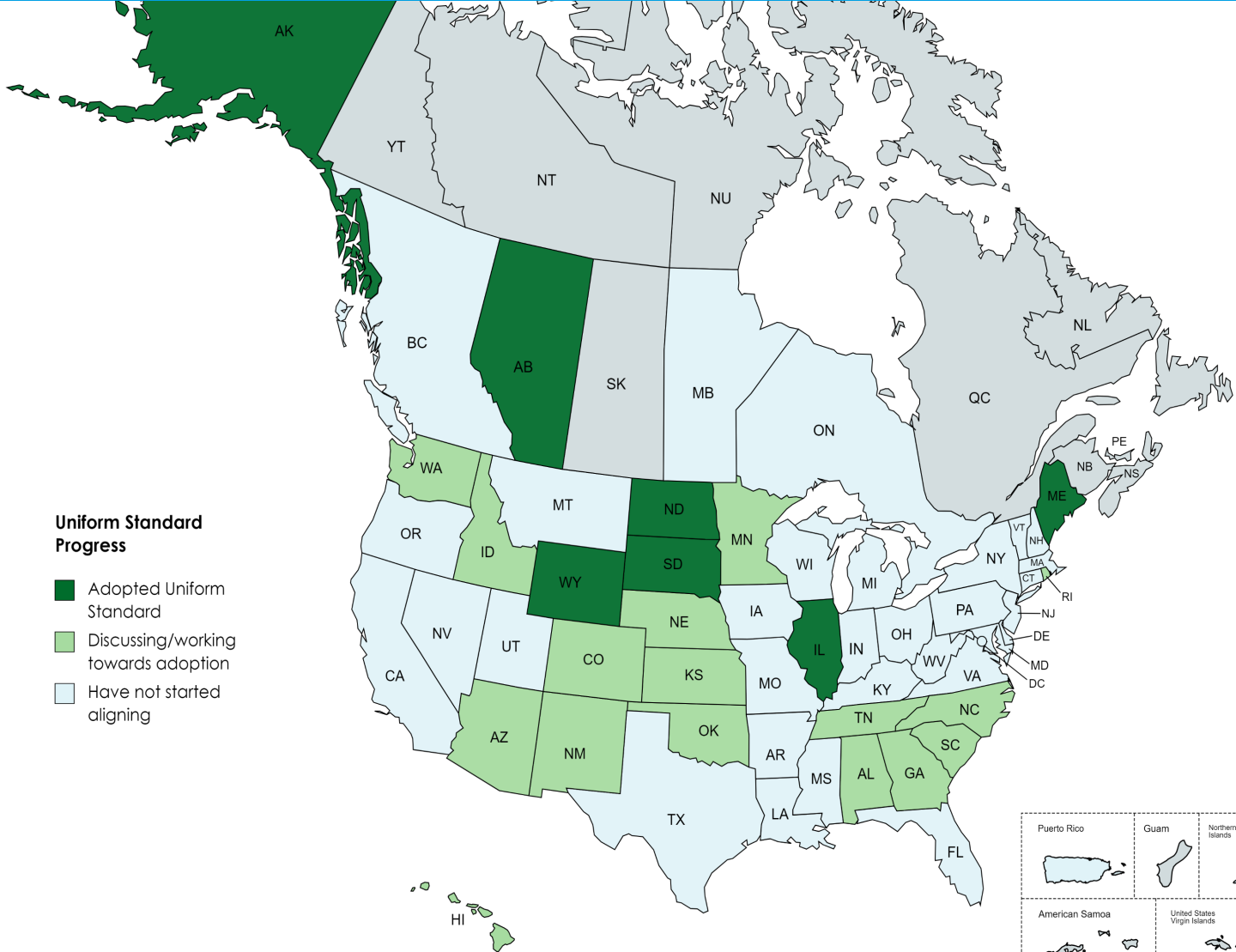
Sunset Review: New Mexico



Uniform Standard Update

Uniform Standard Progress

- Adopted Uniform Standard
- Discussing/working towards adoption
- Have not started aligning



Alabama Legislation

HB 267 - To provide further for the practice of landscape architecture

Reported out of committee

Details in regulation

81 For licensing as a landscape architect, the ~~following~~
82 ~~evidence shall be submitted that the~~ applicant must comply
83 with one of the following:

84 (1) ~~Is at least 19 years of age~~ Hold a degree in

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House Boards, Agencies and Commissions Reported Substitute for HB267



85 landscape architecture from a school or college approved by
86 the board or meet the alternative education requirements
87 approved by the board and satisfy the examination and
88 experience requirements.

89 (2) ~~Has, before making application to the board,~~
90 ~~completed the course of study in and been graduated from a~~
91 ~~college or school of landscape architecture approved by the~~
92 ~~board. The application for examination shall be accompanied by~~
93 ~~proof of actual practical experience in landscape~~
94 ~~architectural work of a grade and character satisfactory to~~
95 ~~the board. Each complete year of study in an approved college~~



Regulation Updates

Nebraska

- Drafting regulatory changes
- Targeting 2025 for legislative change

Oklahoma

- Upcoming regulation review by the Board
- Will submit the proposed updates in December



Additional Uniform Standard Updates

Hawaii

- Targeting 2025 for Uniform Standard legislation
- Sponsor identified
- ASLA HI working group

Alaska

- No further action needed
- Awaiting LT. Governor's signature on regulation update
- Will be reviewing candidates with updated regulations momentarily



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ARPL 2024 FOCUS



2024 LEGISLATION & POLICY TRENDS

SUPPORTING THE ROLE OF THE BOARDS

DEVELOPING NEW PUBLIC RESEARCH

EXPLORING NEW AREAS OF FOCUS:

Workforce Development

Artificial Intelligence



Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (H.R. 1477/S. 722)

- Introduced on March 8, 2023 by Reps. Wittman (R-VA) and Spanberger (D-VA) and Sens. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Braun (R-IN)
- Expands eligible expenses under 529 savings plans to cover postsecondary costs including:
 - Licensure prep courses, practice exams, and study materials
 - Licensure exams
 - Continuing education and licensure renewal
 - Other costs required to obtain and maintain a license



Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (H.R. 1477/S. 722)

- Bipartisan
 - House: 75 Republicans, 49 Democrats
 - Senate: 10 Republicans, 9 Democrats, 1 Independent
- Joint Committee scored the bill at \$85 million over 10 years





Fly-In Metrics

Nearly 100 Fly-in Participants

113 congressional meetings





Compose First Message

- US Representative

Subject

Cosponsor H.R. 1477, the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act

Message Body

As your constituent, I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 1477, the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act. This bill would help reduce the various costs and fees associated with being a licensed professional such as a landscape architect. Alleviating financial burdens associated with licensure helps to promote career growth and allows licensed individuals to retain more disposable income.

Specifically, this measure would expand eligible expenses under 529 savings plans to cover costs associated with workforce training and credentialing programs, including government issued professional licenses. Notably, it would enable landscape architecture professionals to use 529 plans to help cover licensure costs and fees associated with licensure exam prep courses and study materials; licensure exams; continuing education and licensure renewal; and other costs necessary to obtain and maintain a license.

Licensure for landscape architects provides a broad base of protection to public health, safety, and welfare. Landscape architects plan and design open spaces such as streets, parks, plazas, campuses, and other active public areas. Each of these sites must account for a variety of potential hazards. Significant physical and financial harm has occurred when landscape architectural projects were not designed by licensed professionals. While the public is best served by licensed landscape architects, there are considerable financial costs of achieving and maintaining licensure. This bill would help to reduce these costs.

Once again, I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 1477, the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act.

- Letter is **pre-written**, but editable
- **Less than one minute** to send a letter
- **Congress reads** and makes note of every constituent letter
- **Notes = Votes**



Petition Text

Dear Senators Klobuchar and Braun and Representatives Spanberger and Wittman:

We, the undersigned advocates of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) write to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act. (S.722/ H.R. 1477). This legislation would help cover the expenses associated with being a licensed professional such as a landscape architect.

As you know, 529 savings plans do not currently cover expenses related to postsecondary credentials and skills training that are required for many professions, including landscape architecture. This is significant because the average cost to obtain initial landscape architecture licensure is about \$3,500. Then, the average cost to maintain licensure, including annual continuing education, is around \$750 per year. For landscape architects, the financial relief created through this measure would make an incredible difference in our ability to achieve and maintain our licensure requirements.

Making licensure for landscape architects more affordable will help enlarge the pool of professionals qualified to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Landscape architects plan and design open spaces such as streets, parks, plazas, campuses, and other active public areas. Each of these sites must account for a variety of potential hazards. Significant physical and financial harm has occurred when landscape architectural projects were not designed by licensed professionals. This bill would help ensure our communities are responsibly planned and designed to protect people of all ages, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Once again, we thank you for your leadership in sponsoring the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act. Landscape architects belong to one of many professions that are eager to pay forward the benefits of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Thank You letter to the House and Senate co-sponsors



QUESTIONS

Mark Your Calendars!

- March 19: ARPL Webinar
- March 21: ASLA Federal Advocacy Update Webinar
- June 5: ASLA/CLARB Licensure Summit
- June 18: Hiring and Working with a Lobbyist Webinar
- September 17-18, 2024: ASLA/CLARB Licensure Summit, (Buffalo, NY)

