

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB940

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced        ☐    Substitute        ☐    Engrossed  
Second House       ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute        ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Watkins

**3. Committee:** Passed in both houses

**4. Title:**        **Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects; licensure of landscape architects; penalty.**

**5. Summary:** This bill requires the licensure of landscape architects by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects effective July 1, 2010. This bill would change regulation of landscape architects from a voluntary certification to a mandatory license. Anyone who is not licensed as a landscape architect but advertises themselves as such shall be subject to the provisions of §54.1-111 of the Code of Virginia.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The bill has no fiscal impact

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation would absorb any additional workload associated with the change in requirements, and does not expect there to be a material fiscal impact from this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The second enactment clause authorizes the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified interior Designer and Landscape Architects to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.

The third enactment clause states that nothing in this act shall be construed or interpreted to expand the “practice of landscape architect” as defined in §54.1-400 and as it exists of January 1, 2009.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade