



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Pennsylvania

ACEC/PA SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 399

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA), which represents more than 110 engineering firms across Pennsylvania and more than 11,700 employee members, serves as the voice of the engineering industry in Pennsylvania. From roads and bridges to dams and rivers, ACEC/PA member firms design, plan, and inspect every aspect of the Commonwealth's infrastructure, supporting billions in economic development every year and creating thousands of jobs.

ACEC/PA supports Senate Bill 399 because:

- **the bill protects Pennsylvania's business owners while affording consumers legal remedy.** SB 399 would protect the right for consumers to file claims against architects, engineers, and contractors for deficiencies in the construction process. This protection would extend for six years, allowing consumers ample time to identify and remedy critical issues. In the past, not only original owners, but in some cases, secondary and tertiary owners, whom the construction professionals had no contract with, have filed claims for faulty construction. SB 399 would provide six years, which is consistent in several states, for owners to file a claim.
- **the bill reduces the opportunity for frivolous legal action.** In many cases where a legal action is brought against a construction professional, it is difficult or impossible to determine whether the deficiency originated in the design and construction process, or whether it is brought on by owner negligence or project modification. Construction professionals should not be responsible or financially accountable for improperly maintained or modified projects.

On behalf of our 110 member firms and their nearly 12,000 employees, ACEC/PA requests your support of Senate Bill 399. If you should have any questions about our support, please contact Executive Director Brent Sailhamer at bsailhamer@acecpa.org or (717) 386-9941.