

Halfway through Session and things are moving along! All of the AIA Louisiana initiated bills have made it to the other chambers from their origination point, so they are making good progress. We are continuing to engage in a number of bills that impact the profession and many of those, as well as some new ones, are listed below....

What we are watching right now:**HB 170**, Riser

Provides relative to construction contracts cleaning up two areas of law that might conflict to ensure Louisiana projects are governed by Louisiana law.

STATUS: Passed out of committee; headed to the Senate Floor; almost done!

Support

HB 194, Riser

Provides relative to preemptive periods/statute of repose cleaning up two areas of law to bring clarity providing an automatic timeclock even if certificate is not filed by the owner.

STATUS: Passed out of committee; headed to the Senate Floor; almost done!

Support

HB 338, Carver

Re-creates entities transferred to or placed within the office of the governor

STATUS: Passed the House; pending in Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

Support

HB 387, Gadberry

Provides for the incidental practice of engineering.

STATUS: Scheduled for 4/27; pending in House Committee on Commerce

Oppose

HB 755, Turner

Establishes indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity professional services contracting for design services for certain projects

STATUS: Amendment added limiting any single task order/project for renovations to less than \$13 million; passed House Floor pending Senate Finance Committee

Support

HB 914, Firment

Expands the certified appraiser qualifications to include building consultants

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Insurance

Oppose unless Amended

HB 928, Fontenot

Provides relative to commercial building codes

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Commerce

Monitor; Neutral

HB 1168, Wright

Provides standards for precast concrete pilings used in public or private construction projects

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Transportation, Highways & Public Works

Oppose

HB 1186, Landry, J.

Provides relative to the Uniform Construction Code and inspector licensing

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Commerce

Monitor

HB 1207, Deshotel

Provides relative to selection of contractors by public entities

STATUS: House Bills on Second Reading Reported by Committee

Monitor

SCR2, Meyers

HOSPITALS: Amends rules relative to certain licensure requirements of hospitals requiring use of updated editions.

STATUS: Passed Senate; Pending House Health and Welfare

Support

SB 147, Talbot

Provides for standards when constructing a residential roof

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Commerce

Monitor

SB 291, Abraham

Provides relative to the practice of architecture

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Commerce

Support

SB 299, Duplessis

Allows nonprofit organizations to provide additional resources to cover the cost of installing a fortified roof

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Insurance

Monitor

SB 315, Reese

Increases budget cost minimums for professional services contract exemptions

STATUS: Amendment added, "Any agency that enters into more than one professional services contract in any given fiscal year shall ensure that not less than fifty percent of the total number of such contracts are awarded to separate, distinct, and unaffiliated professional services firms if such contracts are exempt pursuant to the provisions of this Section." Passed Senate; pending House Committee Appropriations

Neutral

SB 326, Abraham

Provides relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors

STATUS: Passed Senate; pending in House Committee on Commerce

Monitor

SB 355, Duplessis

Requires insurers to provide a minimum twenty percent discount to insureds participating in the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Insurance

Monitor

SB 370, Miller

Provides relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Commerce

Monitor

SB 398, Foil

Provides relative to the regulation of manufactured housing

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Commerce

Monitor

SAVE THE DATES:

May

- 12 Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx) continuing ed session (1 HSW)
- 14 Real Life of an Architect Series
- 20 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

June

- 1 Session Closes
- 10 AIA National Annual Meeting
- 10-13 AIA26 National Conference (San Diego)
- 17 Life of an Architect Series

July

- 16 Life of an Architect Series

August

- 12 Life of an Architect Series
- 19 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

October

- 1-2 State Conference (Gulf Shores)

November

- 1-3 Women's Leadership Summit (Kansas City)
- 17-19 AIA LA Governance Days
- 26-27 AIA LA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 24-25 AIA LA Office Closed
- 31-2 AIA LA Office Closed

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