

AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS; INCREASING FEES; PROVIDING FOR INACTIVE STATUS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-24B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985, Chapter 151, Section 1) is amended to read:

"61-24B-1. SHORT TITLE. -- Chapter 61, Article 24B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Landscape Architects Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Landscape Architects Act is enacted to read:

"INACTIVE STATUS. -- A certificate of registration in good standing may be transferred to inactive status upon written request to the board and payment of an annual inactive status fee set by the board. The request shall be made prior to expiration of the certificate of registration. The registrant shall not practice in New Mexico during the time the certificate of registration is inactive. A registrant may reactivate his certificate of registration upon submission of a renewal form provided by the board, the payment of the annual renewal fee for the current year, proof of continuing education units for the period of inactive status and any additional proof of competency required by the board. "

Section 3. Section 61-24B-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985, Chapter 151, Section 11) is amended to read:

"61-24B-11. FEES.--The board shall establish a schedule of reasonable fees for applications, certificates of registration, temporary permits, re-registration, inactive status and late registration renewal as follows:

A. the initial application fee shall be set in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100);

B. the initial certificate of registration fee shall be set in an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300);

C. the certificate of registration renewal fee shall be set in an amount not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400);

D. the annual inactive status fee shall be set at one-half the renewal fee for the year; and

E. the late fee for registration renewal shall be set at an amount not to exceed twice the renewal fee."

Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately. _____