

2020 MSPE Legislative Update

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MSPE Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Comprised of 17 members plus Frontline Staff
- Teleconference meetings
- Review Legislation/Work with our contract lobbyist
- Coordinate Legislator contacts on legislation
- Provide feedback on pending legislation and Article 20 modifications
- Attend/Testify – Senate and House Committee Meetings
- Work with the Architects, Engineers and Surveyors Legislative Coalition
- Work with the MSPE-PAC Trustees (all member of the committee)

2019-2020 Legislative Cycle

Bills Reviewed and Positions Taken (session ended 12/16/20):

- HB 4495 – Design/Build In Schools (OPPOSE)
- HB 4488 – Felony Exclusions for Licensure (Provided feedback for Amendments, passed)
- SB 54– Historic Tax Credit (SUPPORT, passed)
- HB 5169 – Certificate of Merit (SUPPORT)
- Transportation and Infrastructure Bills



2019-2020 Legislative Cycle

Other areas of committee work:

- Review and comment on proposed changes to Professional Engineering Rules (released in early 2021)
- Act as a Legislator resource
- Coordinate at the chapter level for legislative events
- Attend Legislative Day (cancelled for 2020, held in April of 2021) – MSPE participates as part of our joint design professional group with AIA-M, ACEC-M and MSPS

2020-2022 Legislative Cycle

Focus so far this session has been on pandemic health and economic issues, but we are reviewing the following:

- SB 42 – Barn Bill (oppose)
- HB 4123 – Clean Water Funding (support)
- Asked for input from Senator Theis on legislation regarding a process for review of all state licenses.



Areas of Interest Now and in the Future



- Certificate of Merit
- Qualification Based Selection
- Long-term, sustainable infrastructure funding
- Protection of professional licensure
- Legislation limiting professional technical specifications
- Business Transparency Legislation
- AESLC Energy Subcommittee

NSPE Legislative Actions

Shaping Public Policy Actions

- Reduce scope and number of PE exemptions
- Require that PEs be in responsible charge of the practice of engineering
- Educate external stakeholders on role and importance of qualified engineering
- Encourage members to use the [NSPE Action Center](#) to contact their member of Congress regarding various subjects



NSPE Legislative Actions



Shaping Public Policy Actions

- Address the role of professional licensure in non-traditional fields (e.g. emerging technologies)
- Increase requirements for job specifications and requests for proposal that include NICET certification mandates for technicians
- Streamline and simplify licensure rules to increase license mobility between states
- Give PEs a leading voice in ensuring that the same attention to safety and reliability that went into the transportation infrastructure is incorporated into autonomous vehicles and smart transportation systems

NSPE Legislative Actions

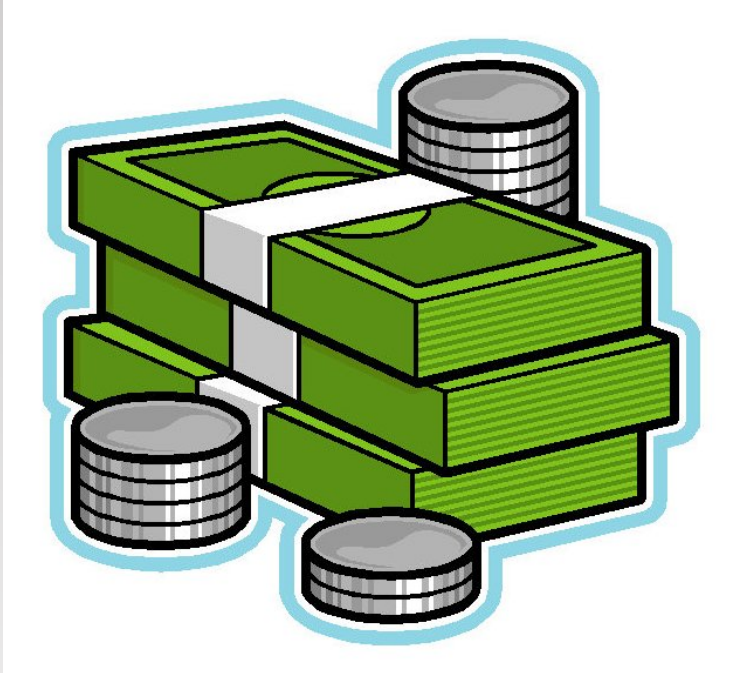


NSPE protects the integrity of the PE license in a changing world and promotes a constant focus on the public health, safety, and welfare.

- [NSPE Leads Coalition to Protect Professional Licensure](#)

- ARPL social media toolkit

MSPE-PAC



- Can only support State candidates, not Federal
- Bi-partisan Donations
- Support for those who support us
- Directed judiciously by the PAC Trustees
- Coordinated with our legislative partners for greatest impact
- Will work with chapters for support of candidates who attend functions

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Questions?

If you are willing to call or email your Legislator, please email Ryan Roth – Ryan@Frontlineco.com so that you may be added to our contact list!