



External Affairs
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External Affairs Topics

- **Dig Safe – How You can Help**
- **Key Bills for Legislative Session**
- **MassDOT Right of Way guidance**
- **2 New Board of Registration documents**

Key Bills Impacting MALSCE Members

Dig Safe Bills: S. 1392, H.2815

- **Reported favorably in House and Senate, sent to respective Ways & Means Committees**
- **Contact your Massachusetts Legislators and ask them to support our Dig Safe Bill**
- **Background + Sample letter in June MALSCE Government Affairs Report**
 - **ACTION: Modify sample letter, Email your State Representative and your State Senator on H. 2815 or S. 1392 (email a copy)**

Other Bills of Interest to MALSCE Members

- *Economic Development:*
 - **H.4529**, An Act enabling partnerships for growth
 - \$240M economic development legislative package with part of Housing Choice
 - **H.3507**, An Act to promote housing choices
- *Water Infrastructure:*
 - **H.1781**, An Act providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds
- *Climate Resiliency:*
 - **S.10**, climate change adaptation infrastructure— now in a study
 - **H.3997**, An Act relative to GreenWorks
- *Transportation Infrastructure:*
 - **H.4505**, Transportation Bond Bill, S. 2739
 - **H.4508**, An Act relative to transportation finance

Bills MALSCE Opposes

- ***Transparent Business***
 - *H.2769, An Act relative to state government processes to verify hours worked on computers for certain government contracts*
 - *Filed in 30 states in 2019 – defeated in states*
 - *In MA, now in a study, but expect it to be re-filed*
 - *Filed to benefit 1 company selling tracking software*
- ***Bills to Restrict or Prohibit Contracting Out for private sector engineering and related services***
 - *S. 1884, An Act to promote safety, efficiency and accountability in transportation projects through public inspections*
 - *S.1893, An Act relative to protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth.*

Board of Registration Recent Actions Impacting Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

Advisory on the Use of Job Titles that include the term “Engineer” or “Surveyor”

June 2020 Board issued advisory opinion clarifying use of engineering or land surveying job titles by unlicensed individuals working within the engineering and land surveying business community.

Posted here: <https://files.engineers.org/file/EN-Board-Policy-On-Use-Of-Titles-Website.pdf>

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Response to FAQ on Professional Engineers (PE) Certifying Site Plans with Property Lines

June 2020: Responds to FAQ: Can a PE certify a site plan which references a property line determination that was previously completed by a PLS?

Posted here: <https://files.engineers.org/file/FAQ-On-PE-Certifying-Site-Plan-With-Property-Lines-Website-Letterhead.pdf>

MassDOT Right of Way Guidance

Details in MALSCE June Government Affairs Update

Action Requested by June 22:

MassDOT Chief Engineer Patty Leavenworth is asking MALSCE members to respond to a **Survey about MassDOT's new Right of Way Preparation Guidelines**

Q &A Session on July 15

More Information

<https://www.malsce.org/news-publications/news/malsce-government-affairs-update-june-2020-3053>

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