- 1 HB241
- 2 197040-2
- 3 By Representative Lipscomb
- 4 RFD: Boards, Agencies and Commissions
- 5 First Read: 20-MAR-19

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Sections 34-17-5 and 34-17-25, Code of
9	Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama State Board of Examiners
10	of Landscape Architects; to increase the maximum fine the
11	board may levy against a licensee from \$250 to \$2,500 per
12	violation; to authorize the board to assess the costs of
13	conducting a disciplinary action against an accused who is
14	found guilty; and to increase the license application fee from
15	\$75 to \$150.
16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
17	Section 1. Sections 34-17-5 and 34-17-25 of the Code
18	of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
19	" §34-17-5.
20	"(a) Each of the following facts shall constitute a
21	ground for disciplinary action:
22	"(1) That the holder of a certificate of
23	registration is practicing in violation of the provisions of
24	this chapter or the rules $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ regulations of the board;
25	"(2) That the holder of a certificate has obtained
26	the certificate by fraud or misrepresentation, or that the

- person named in the certificate has obtained it by fraud or misrepresentation.
- "(3) That the holder of a certificate is

 impersonating a landscape architect or former landscape

 architect of the same or similar name, or is practicing under

 an assumed, fictitious, or corporate name;

- "(4) That the holder of a certificate has aided or abetted in the practice of landscape architecture any person not authorized to practice landscape architecture under the provisions of this chapter.
- "(5) That, in the practice of landscape architecture, the holder of a certificate has been found guilty of fraud or deceit $\frac{1}{7}$.
- "(6) That, in the practice of landscape architecture, the holder of a certificate has been <u>found</u> guilty of negligence or willful misconduct:
- "(7) That the holder of a certificate has been <u>found</u> guilty of gross incompetence; or.
- "(8) That the holder of a certificate has affixed his or her signature to plans, drawings, specifications, or other instruments of service which have not been prepared by him or her or under his or her immediate and responsible direction or has permitted his or her name to be used for the purpose of assisting any person, not a landscape architect, to evade the provisions of this chapter.
- "(b) For violations of the preceding subsection, or for violations of the provisions of this chapter, or for

1	violations of board rules and regulations , the board shall
2	have the following disciplinary powers:
3	"(1) To reprimand a board licensee 7.
4	"(2) To levy an administrative fine against a
5	licensee of the board not to exceed $\$250$ two thousand five
6	<pre>hundred dollars (\$2,500) per violation;.</pre>
7	"(3) To refuse to issue a certificate to an
8	applicant of the board; .
9	"(4) To suspend a licensee's certificate for a
10	definite period of time; or.
11	"(5) To revoke the certificate of a licensee.
12	"(6) To assess any part or all of the costs relating
13	to a disciplinary proceeding conducted under this section.
14	"(c) The board, shall by rule, and regulation shall
15	adopt a disciplinary code.
16	" §34-17-25.
17	"The fees prescribed by this chapter shall be in the
18	following amounts:
19	"(1) The fee for application to the board is
20	seventy-five dollars (\$75) one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
21	"(2) The fee for examination or reexamination shall
22	be in an amount as established by the board in order to cover
23	all costs of examination, but in no event shall the fee exceed
24	the actual cost of preparing and administering the
25	examination.
26	"(3) The fee for an original certificate is fifty
27	dollars (\$50).

"(4) The fee for a duplicate certificate is fifty 1 dollars (\$50). 2 3 "(5) The annual license fee is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). 4 "(6) The delinquent penalty fee is fifty dollars 5 $(\$50)_{\tau}$ as provided in Section 34-17-24. 6 "(7) The fee for administration of the supplemental 7 examination on the statutes laws governing the practice of 8 landscape architecture in Alabama is one hundred fifty dollars 9 10 (\$150)." Section 2. This act shall become effective on the 11 12 first day of the third month following its passage and

approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
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8 9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 11-APR-19
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