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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - License Renewals -**
3 **Continuing Competency Demonstration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to
5 adopt regulations to require a demonstration of continuing professional
6 competency for a licensed land surveyor or a licensed property line surveyor to
7 renew a certain license; and generally relating to the renewal of certain licenses
8 by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
11 Section 15-101(a), (b), and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
16 Section 15-314
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

22 15-101.

23 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (b) "Board" means the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors.

25 (d) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license
26 issued by the Board to practice:

- 1 (i) land surveying; or
- 2 (ii) property line surveying.
- 3 (2) "License" includes, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 4 (i) a license to practice land surveying;
- 5 (ii) a license to practice property line surveying;
- 6 (iii) a limited license issued under § 15-316 of this title; and
- 7 (iv) a temporary license issued under § 15-317 of this title.

8 15-314.

9 (a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section,
10 the license expires on the first June 30 that comes:

- 11 (1) after the effective date of the license; and
- 12 (2) in an odd-numbered year.

13 (b) (1) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the
14 licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

- 15 (i) a renewal application form; and
- 16 (ii) a notice that states:
 - 17 1. the date on which the current license expires;
 - 18 2. the date by which the Board must receive the renewal
19 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
 - 20 3. the amount of the renewal fee.

21 (2) The failure of a licensee to receive the notice for which this subsection
22 provides does not prevent the license from expiring as specified under subsection (a)
23 of this section.

24 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an
25 additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

- 26 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- 27 (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:
 - 28 (i) \$60 for a license to practice land surveying; or
 - 29 (ii) \$40 for a license to practice property line surveying; and

1 (3) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the
2 Board provides.

3 (d) (1) The Board shall renew the license of and issue a renewal certificate
4 to each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

5 (2) The Board shall include on each renewal certificate that the Board
6 issues:

7 (i) the date on which the current license expires; and

8 (ii) the signatures of the chairman and secretary of the Board,
9 under seal of the Board.

10 (e) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle shall
11 expire on a staggered basis.

12 (F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE A DEMONSTRATION
13 OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY FOR A LICENSEE AS A CONDITION OF
14 RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1999.