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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 543  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Krysiak)

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**Business Occupations - Private Detectives - Exemptions for Professional  
Engineers, Surveyors, and Architects**

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This bill exempts licensed professional engineers, licensed professional land surveyors or property line surveyors and licensed professional architects who are licensed in Maryland and practicing within the scope of their licenses from licensure provisions applicable to private investigators.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This bill would not materially affect State government operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Licensed professional engineers, licensed professional land surveyors or property line surveyors and licensed professional architects are not specifically exempt from licensure as a private investigator.

**State Revenue:** The Department of State Police indicates that there are approximately 300 licensed private investigators (PIs). The agency cannot estimate how many are licensed engineers, land surveyors, or architects. PIs are licensed for a term of three years. Any loss of licensure revenue would be minimal and spread over a three-year period.

**Background:** The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation issues licenses and permits for professional engineers, land surveyors, and architects. This bill would only affect licensees. There are approximately 14,000 licensed engineers, 5,000 licensed architects, and 800 licensed land surveyors.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 406 (Senator Jimeno) – Judicial Proceedings.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Police; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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