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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land and Property Line Surveyors - Scope of Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the scope of practice of land surveyors and property line
4 surveyors.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
7 Section 15-101(g) and (h)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

13 15-101.

14 (g) (1) "Practice land surveying" means to provide any PROFESSIONAL service
15 OR WORK, the ADEQUATE performance of which [requires education and experience in
16 the application, to land surveying, of:

17 (i) special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, engineering, and
18 surveying sciences; and

19 (ii) the principles and methods of surveying] INVOLVES THE
20 APPLICATION, TO LAND SURVEYING, OF SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRINCIPLES
21 OF MATHEMATICS, RELATED PHYSICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES, AND RELEVANT
22 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

23 (2) "Practice land surveying" includes:

24 (i) surveying an area to:

25 1. determine and describe the area correctly for conveyancing;

26 or

27 2. establish or reestablish a land boundary; and

28 (ii) plotting of land and subdivision of land, including:

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1 1. determining topography and contours; AND

2 2. preparing a recordable plat; [and

3 3. preparing a plan for:

4 A. a storm drainage system that meets any standards set by the
5 State or a local authority but does not require a hydraulic or structural design of system
6 components;

7 B. drainage for a street or road; and

8 C. a grade design of a street or road.

9 (3) "Practice land surveying" does not include:

10 (i) practicing geodetic surveying;

11 (ii) practicing cartography; or

12 (iii) executing as a contractor or supervising as an employee of the
13 contractor the work designed by a professional land surveyor.]

14 (III) DETERMINING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOUNDARY AND
15 SUBDIVISION CONTROL, THE PRECISE POSITION AND ELEVATION OF POINTS ON THE
16 SURFACE OF THE EARTH BY MECHANICAL, OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING
17 DETERMINATIONS MADE BY MEANS OF THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM;

18 (IV) ESTABLISHING DATA, COORDINATE SYSTEMS, AND POINTS OF
19 REFERENCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LAND INFORMATION SYSTEMS;

20 (V) PREPARING A PLAN FOR GRADE DESIGN AND DRAINAGE OF A
21 STREET OR ROAD; AND

22 (VI) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OR SUBDIVISION
23 OF LAND, THE PREPARATION OF PLATS AND PLANS FOR:

24 1. SITE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN;

25 2. NONPRESSURIZED STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND
26 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 PUBLISHED STANDARD DETAILS OF A STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITY; AND

28 3. SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES.

29 (h) (1) "Practice property line surveying" means to practice land surveying,
30 except for the services excluded under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

31 (2) "Practice property line surveying" does not include [preparing a plan
32 for:

33 (i) a storm drainage system;

34 (ii) drainage for a street or road; or

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1 (iii) a grade design of a street or road] ANY SERVICE OR WORK
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (G)(2)(III) THROUGH (VI) OF THIS SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1996.