

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 397 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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**State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - Qualifications for Firm Permit**

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This amended, departmental bill allows a professional land surveyor or a licensed property line surveyor to practice through a limited liability company. The bill allows limited liability companies to provide land surveying and property line surveying services provided that a firm offering such services has a licensed surveyor as a member, officer, or partner of the company. An individual whose license has been suspended or revoked may not practice land or property line surveying as a principal, associate, agent or employee of a limited liability company that provides land or property line surveying services.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill will have a meaningful impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services disagrees with this assessment as discussed below. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** There are 1,150 licensed land surveyors in the State, the majority of which are assumed to be small businesses. The bill would have a minimal impact on small business through the creation of an additional organizational structure through which licensed land surveyors may practice. It does not alter the requirements for surveying firms,

but provides that a limited liability company providing surveying services is subject to the same requirements and prohibitions that govern other types of surveying firms.

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