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Senate Bill 450 (Senator Sfikas, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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

This bill requires the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to adopt regulations that require a demonstration of continuing professional competency for a license as a condition of license renewal.

The bill sunsets on September 30, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$17,000 in FY 2000 to develop and implement the regulations required by this bill. This estimate includes postage, printing, computer programming, and consultation fees. In subsequent years, the bill would not affect the finances of the Board of Land Surveyors.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: There are currently 520 licensed land surveyors and 218 land surveying firms in Maryland. Most land surveyors work for small businesses. The bill requires the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to adopt regulations to require a licensee to demonstrate continued professional competence as a condition for license renewal. The board may promulgate regulations which subject licensees to examinations,

simulations, demonstrations, or educational programs in order to demonstrate continued professional competence as required by the bill. Regardless of the type of regulation promulgated by the board, the cost of meeting the renewal requirements is assumed to be minimal in relation to total operating costs.

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