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By: **Senators Sfikas and Pinsky**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land Patents - Property Line Surveyors**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "surveyor" to include a property line  
4 surveyor with respect to the application, review, and issuance of land patents;  
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Land Patents to accept, under certain  
6 circumstances, a survey previously performed by a qualified property line  
7 surveyor in lieu of a survey performed under a warrant; and generally relating  
8 to land patents and property line surveyors.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Real Property  
11 Section 13-101(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Real Property  
16 Section 13-101(l) and 13-306(b)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Real Property**

2 13-101.

3 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated unless  
4 otherwise apparent from context.

5 (1) "Surveyor" means any professional land surveyor OR PROPERTY LINE  
6 SURVEYOR licensed under the Maryland Professional Land Surveyors Act.

7 13-306.

8 (b) (1) In lieu of a survey conducted under a warrant issued by the  
9 Commissioner, the applicant may submit with an application a previously performed  
10 survey.

11 (2) The Commissioner may accept the previously performed survey upon  
12 finding that the surveyor was a qualified professional land surveyor OR PROPERTY  
13 LINE SURVEYOR, that the survey was conducted in accordance with standards  
14 prescribed by the Commissioner, and that adjoining landowners of record were given  
15 written notice of the survey.

16 (3) In determining whether to accept a previously performed survey, the  
17 Commissioner may conduct a hearing.

18 (4) Acceptance of a previously performed survey does not preclude an  
19 objector from raising any objection that might otherwise have been raised had the  
20 survey been performed pursuant to a warrant issued by the Commissioner.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2000.