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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 411 (Senators Sfikas and Pinsky)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Land Patents - Property Line Surveyors**

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The bill expands the definition of “surveyor” to include a property line surveyor with respect to the application, review, and issuance of land patents. The property line surveyor must be licensed under the Maryland Professional Land Surveyors Act. The bill allows the Commissioner of Land Patents to accept a previously performed property line survey when the commissioner must settle a land dispute case.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Only the work of a land surveyor is acceptable in a land patent case unless all parties to the action agree to accept the work of a property line surveyor.

**Background:** According to the Commissioner of Land Patents, there is no legal difference between a property line surveyor and a land surveyor for the purposes of settling land disputes.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 825 (Delegates Love and Montague) - Economic Matters.

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