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By: **Senators Stone, Hollinger, and Sfikas**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations - Land Surveyors - License Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain license renewal requirements for land surveyors;  
4 repealing a certain termination provision relating to the continuing professional  
5 competency requirement for land surveyors; and generally relating to land  
6 surveyors.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
9 Section 15-314  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Chapter 567 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999  
14 Section 2

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

17 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

18 15-314.

19 (a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section,  
20 the license expires on the first June 30 that comes:

21 (1) after the effective date of the license; and

22 (2) in an odd-numbered year.

23 (b) (1) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the  
24 licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

25 (i) a renewal application form; and

- 1 (ii) a notice that states:
- 2 1. the date on which the current license expires;
- 3 2. the date by which the Board must receive the renewal  
4 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
- 5 3. the amount of the renewal fee.

6 (2) The failure of a licensee to receive the notice for which this subsection  
7 provides does not prevent the license from expiring as specified under subsection (a)  
8 of this section.

9 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an  
10 additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

- 11 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- 12 (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:
- 13 (i) \$60 for a license to practice land surveying; or
- 14 (ii) \$40 for a license to practice property line surveying; and
- 15 (3) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the  
16 Board provides.

17 (d) (1) The Board shall renew the license of and issue a renewal certificate  
18 to each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

19 (2) The Board shall include on each renewal certificate that the Board  
20 issues:

- 21 (i) the date on which the current license expires; and
- 22 (ii) the signatures of the chairman and secretary of the Board,  
23 under seal of the Board.

24 (e) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle shall  
25 expire on a staggered basis.

26 (f) The Board shall adopt regulations to require a demonstration of continuing  
27 professional competency for a licensee as a condition of renewal of a license under this  
28 section IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

29 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED FOR THE FIRST TIME DOES NOT  
30 HAVE A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT UNTIL THEIR  
31 SECOND RENEWAL PERIOD;

1           (2)     IF A LICENSE IS RENEWED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, THE  
2 LICENSEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
3 COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THAT RENEWAL PERIOD;

4           (3)     IF A LICENSE IS RENEWED ON OR BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2002 AND  
5 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, THE LICENSEE IS REQUIRED TO FULFILL 50 PERCENT OF THE  
6 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THAT RENEWAL  
7 PERIOD; AND

8           (4)     IF A LICENSE IS RENEWED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2003, THE  
9 LICENSEE IS REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE FULL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
10 COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT.

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**Chapter 567 of the Acts of 1999**

12     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 1999. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
14 September 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
15 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

16     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2001.