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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 83

(Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)

(Departmental – Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic Matters

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**State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - Licensing**

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This departmental bill repeals the authority of the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to issue limited and temporary licenses. It also allows an applicant who has failed a licensing examination three times to continue to take the examination after submitting documentation showing updated work experience. The opportunity to meet with a board member following three failures is eliminated.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Because it is assumed that this bill would apply in a minimal number of cases, State finances should not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The State Board for Professional Land Surveyors may grant a project specific (limited) or a temporary license to a land surveyor licensed in another state. Neither limited nor temporary licenses may be in effect for longer than one year. A limited license is used for an individual who is licensed in another state, is not a citizen of Maryland, and has no place of business in Maryland. A temporary license is used for an

individual who is licensed in another state, but who is expected to apply for licensure in Maryland within 30 days of the issuance of the temporary license.

If an applicant fails a licensing examination three times, the applicant may request a conference with a board member, yet may not retake the examination for at least two years from the date of the third failure.

**Background:** DLLR reports that the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors would prefer that a land surveyor with an out-of-state license apply for a reciprocal license, thereby having to demonstrate knowledge of Maryland laws and practices. The board also seeks to eliminate the mandatory two-year waiting period after three examination failures to allow more expeditious licensing of those who are able to demonstrate the requisite knowledge and experience to pass the licensing examination in a shorter time period.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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