

SENATE BILL 288

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By: Senator Waldstreicher

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal and Civil Trespass – Professional Land Surveyors – Exception**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against
4 trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors,
5 and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of
6 another to practice land surveying; and generally relating to professional land
7 surveyors and the criminal and civil law on trespass.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10 Section 5–427

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Criminal Law

15 Section 6–411

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 **5–427.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
23 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



7 (B) A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, OR AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A
8 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, WHO ENTERS A PROPERTY TO PRACTICE LAND
9 SURVEYING MAY NOT BE HELD LIABLE UNDER THE COMMON LAW TORT OF
10 TRESPASS.

11 (c) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

Article – Criminal Law

22 6-411.

23 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
24 INDICATED.

25 (2) "PRACTICE LAND SURVEYING" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
26 PROVIDED IN § 15-101 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS
27 ARTICLE.

31 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR,
32 OR AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, WHO ENTERS A
33 PROPERTY TO PRACTICE LAND SURVEYING.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2023.