

House Bill 0684

Date: February 9, 2021

Committee: Economic Matters

Bill Title: Professional Land Surveyors – Surveying Practice – Definition and Licensing Exception

Position: Support

House Bill 0684 eliminates confusion that may occur when non-licensed individuals are offering to conduct land surveying services using advanced technology. HB0684 clearly communicates the limits of unlicensed individuals, without restricting their ability to perform non-surveying services that they are otherwise qualified to perform. The clarification will aid the staff of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors in the proper enforcement of the profession, as required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

House Bill 0684 does not have any fiscal impact on the operation of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors. This bill will enhance the ability of small businesses to provide non-surveying location services without violating Maryland statutes.

To that end, the Department respectfully requests a favorable report of HB 0684 by the committee.