
SENATE BILL 288

Date: February 7, 2023

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Bill Title: Criminal and Civil Trespass - Professional Land Surveyors – Exception

Re: Letter of Support

On Behalf of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors (the Board). Senate Bill 288 safeguards professional land surveyors and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another while conducting official duties of land surveying.

Professional land surveyors frequently need to access bordering properties beyond the parties who contacted for their professional services. Senate Bill 288 seeks to establish exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for and generally relating to professional land surveyors and the criminal and civil law on trespass.

Professional land surveyors in Maryland abide by a code of ethics which include a responsibility to the public, COMAR Sec. 09.13.01.02. In the performance of a licensee's professional duties, the licensee shall make every reasonable effort to protect the safety, health, property, and welfare of the public. If the licensee's professional judgment is overruled under circumstances in which the safety, health, property, or welfare of the public is endangered, the licensee shall inform the licensee's employer or client of the possible consequences. The Board respectfully request a favorable report from the committee. Members of the Board are prepared to answer any questions the committee may have about SB 288.

Respectfully,

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