

Date: March 27, 2024

Committee: House Economic Matters Committee

Bill Title: SB296 State Board of Professional Land Surveyors – Sunset Extension and Report

Re: **Favorable**

SB296, as originally submitted by the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL), would have extended by ten (10) years the sunset date for the State Board of Professional Land Surveyors, from 2024 through 2034. In the version passed by the Senate, however, **the extension language was amended** to extend the Board for three (3) years through July 1, 2027. Additionally, the amended bill now requires that, on or before July 1, 2025, the MDL shall submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) with information regarding the State Board of Professional Land Surveyors as determined by the JAEC.

The Board for Professional Land Surveyors qualifies and licenses individuals seeking licensure and issues permits to business entities through which land surveying is practiced. The Board investigates complaints against licensees, as well as complaints related to unlicensed practice in the state. The Board may issue a reprimand, suspend or revoke a license, or permit, and/or impose a fine for violation of the regulations. Professional Land Surveyors represent an integral aspect of the design and construction industry. Maryland Professional Land Surveyor licensees abide by a code of ethics to preserve the safety, well-being, and property of all citizens.

The Department respectfully requests a favorable report by the committee on SB296.