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SB 545 – Land Surveyors and Property Line Surveyors – Private Property Access - Prohibition

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education Energy and the Environment Committee,

Senate Bill 545 prohibits land surveyors or property line surveyors from conducting a survey on private property during deer firearms hunting season without the written permission of the property owner. Deer firearms hunting season is defined in Section 10-415 of the Natural Resources Article, which the Department sets by regulation.

Under current law, land surveyors working on behalf of the State may enter any private land to conduct surveys, run lines or levels, or obtain information relating to the acquisition or future public use of the property for any governmental report, undertaking or improvement. Unfortunately, property owners, particularly in the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project corridor largely have not been given enough notice, often having notices coming right before in the mail. This is also especially a challenge for those planning day-long hunting trips, or for those hunters utilizing land agreements who may not be in daily communication with the landowner.

SB 545 simply states that surveyors must get written permission to enter private land during deer firearms hunting season. I respectfully request a favorable on SB 545.