



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Bill 684

**PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – SURVEYING PRACTICE – DEFINITION AND LICENSING
EXCEPTION**

What Does the Law Do?

- Alters the definition of "practice land surveying"
- Exempts certain individuals who utilize measurement devices or systems, regardless of the technology or methods used, for the exclusive purpose of determining topography and contours.
- Effective date: October 1, 2021

Annotated Code of Maryland

Business Occupations and Professions

15-101 (k) (1)

“Practice land surveying” means **PROVIDING OR OFFERING TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THAT REQUIRE** the application of special knowledge of the principles of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, and the requirements of the relevant law **TO AUTHORITATIVELY DETERMINE, REGARDLESS OF THE TECHNOLOGY OR METHOD USED, THE ACCURATE AND PRECISE LOCATION OF A FEATURE, OBJECT, OR BOUNDARY OF REAL PROPERTY WITH REFERENCE TO THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, SPACE ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, OR UNDERGROUND.**

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“PRACTICE LAND SURVEYING” INCLUDES:

- (i) measuring, platting, and locating lines, angles, elevations, natural or artificial features in the air, on the surface of the earth, in underground work, and on the beds of bodies of water for the purpose of determining and reporting positions, topography, areas, and volumes;
- (ii) the **DESCRIBING**, platting or replatting, establishing or reestablishing, locating or relocating, or setting or resetting the monumentation for boundaries of real property, easements, or rights-of-way;

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15-301 (b) (4)

(b) This section does not apply to:

(4) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO UTILIZES MEASUREMENT DEVICES OR SYSTEMS, REGARDLESS OF THE TECHNOLOGY OR METHODS USED, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TOPOGRAPHY AND CONTOURS, PROVIDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED BY AN ENTITY ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

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