

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1931 - HB 2234

January 30, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts an individual from certain requirements, allowing such individual to practice surveying in this state, if such person has been trained by and worked under the supervision of a licensed surveyor for 10 years, and has actively been engaged for 6 or more years in land surveying.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$4,800/FY14-15 and Biennially Thereafter/Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

Assumptions:

- The Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors currently has 1,052 active licensees.
- As a result of this bill, it is estimated that the Board will experience a 1 percent increase or 10 (1,052 x .01) additional license issuances beginning in FY14-15.
- The cost of a 2-year initial or renewal land surveying license is \$280. There is also an application fee of \$200, resulting in a total fee of \$480 for each initial or renewal licensee applicant.
- This will result in a total increase in Board revenue of \$4,800 (10 x \$480) in FY14-15 and biennially thereafter.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-5117, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors had a closing balance of \$195,240 in FY11-12, a deficit of \$139,784 in FY12-13, and closing reserve balance of \$141,137 on June 30, 2013.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

Increase Business Expenditures - \$4,800

Assumptions:

- License fee expenditures of \$4,800 FY 14-15 and biennially thereafter are essentially tax-deductible business expenses for licensed land surveyors in Tennessee.

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- This bill will increase the number of individuals who are legally authorized to practice land surveying; however, because it will not increase the amount of work available to land surveyors, this will have no significant impact to commerce or jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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