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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 327.272, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to professional land surveyors.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 327.272, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 327.272, to read as follows:

327.272. 1. A professional land surveyor shall include any person who  
2 practices in Missouri as a professional land surveyor who uses the title of  
3 "surveyor" alone or in combination with any other word or words including, but  
4 not limited to "registered", "professional" or "land" indicating or implying that the  
5 person is or holds himself or herself out to be a professional land surveyor who  
6 by word or words, letters, figures, degrees, titles or other descriptions indicates  
7 or implies that the person is a professional land surveyor or is willing or able to  
8 practice professional land surveying or who renders or offers to render, or holds  
9 himself or herself out as willing or able to render, or perform any service or work,  
10 the adequate performance of which involves the special knowledge and  
11 application of the principles of land surveying, mathematics, the related physical  
12 and applied sciences, and the relevant requirements of law, all of which are  
13 acquired by education, training, experience and examination, that affect real  
14 property rights on, under or above the land and which service or work involves:

15 (1) The determination, location, relocation, establishment,  
16 reestablishment, layout, or retracing of land boundaries and positions of the  
17 United States Public Land Survey System;

18 (2) The monumentation of land boundaries, land boundary corners and  
19 corners of the United States Public Land Survey System;

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

20 (3) The subdivision of land into smaller tracts and preparation of property  
21 descriptions;

22 (4) The survey and location of rights-of-way [and easements];

23 (5) Creating, preparing, or modifying electronic or computerized data  
24 relative to the performance of the activities in subdivisions (1) to (3) of this  
25 subsection;

26 (6) Consultation, investigation, design surveys, evaluation, planning,  
27 design and execution of surveys;

28 (7) The preparation of any drawings showing the shape, location,  
29 dimensions or area of tracts of land;

30 (8) Monumentation of geodetic control and the determination of their  
31 horizontal and vertical positions;

32 (9) Establishment of state plane coordinates;

33 (10) Topographic surveys and the determination of the horizontal and  
34 vertical location of any physical features on, under or above the land;

35 (11) The preparation of plats, maps or other drawings showing elevations  
36 and the locations of improvements and the measurement and preparation of  
37 drawings showing existing improvements after construction;

38 (12) Layout of proposed improvements;

39 (13) The determination of azimuths by astronomic observations.

40 2. None of the specific duties listed in subdivisions [(5)] (4) to (13) of  
41 subsection 1 of this section are exclusive to professional land surveyors unless  
42 they affect real property rights. For the purposes of this section, the term "real  
43 property rights" means a recordable interest in real estate as it affects the  
44 location of land boundary lines. **The validity of any document prepared  
45 after August 27, 2014 purporting to affect real property rights shall  
46 remain valid notwithstanding that any legal description contained  
47 therein was not prepared by a professional land surveyor.**

48 3. Professional land surveyors shall be in responsible charge of all  
49 drawings, maps, surveys, and other work product that can affect the health,  
50 safety, and welfare of the public within their scope of practice.

51 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the practice of  
52 architecture or professional engineering or professional landscape architecture as  
53 provided in sections 327.091, 327.181, and 327.600.

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