

## CHAPTER 915

(Senate Bill 416)

## AN ACT concerning

## Real Property - Land Patent Proceedings

FOR the purpose of generally revising the law relating to land patent proceedings and the issuance of land patents; repealing certain unnecessary, obsolete, or inconsistent provisions relating to county surveyors; modifying and substituting definitions; establishing new provisions as to the administration of land patent proceedings, the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Patents and the Hall of Records Commission, the application for and execution and issuance of warrants, the powers and duties of surveyors, the valuation of land, the filing of objections by various persons, governmental bodies, and agencies, the holding of hearings, declaratory relief, and judicial review, the execution and issuance of land patents, the effect of issuance of land patents, and the termination, dismissal, or abandonment of proceedings; providing for the return of the purchase price for an invalid patent; providing certain courts with jurisdiction, powers, and duties in declaratory judgment proceedings on land patents; and generally relating to land patents.

## BY repealing

Article 91 - Surveyor and State Survey  
Section 1 through 3, and 7 through 18, inclusive  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
{1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement}

## BY repealing

Article - Real Property  
Section 13-101 through 13-120, inclusive  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
{1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement}

## BY adding to

Article - Real Property  
Section 13-101 through 13-504, inclusive  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
{1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement}