1	Senate Bill No. 437
2	(By Senators Laird and Sypolt)
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4	[Introduced February 4, 2011; referred to the Committee on
5	Energy, Industry and Mining; and then to the Committee on the
6	Judiciary.]
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11	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
12	adding thereto a new section, designated §37-12-3, relating to
13	exempting licensed surveyors from liability for defamation or
14	slander of title when performing their professional duties;
15	and providing an exception.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18	by adding thereto a new section, designated §37-12-3, to read as
19	follows:
20	ARTICLE 12. SURVEYORS.
21	§37-12-3. Qualified privilege.
22	As professional surveying provides for the evaluation and
23	interpretation of evidence and information concerning properties
	and common houndaries that may be or may become in dispute

- 1 licensed surveyors may not, except in cases of malicious intent, be
- 2 held liable for defamation or slander of title while performing
- 3 their professional duties.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt licensed surveyors from liability for defamation or slander of title when performing their professional duties. The bill also provides an exception in the case of malicious intent.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.