

HOUSE BILL 247

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Plumbing Code – Adoption of International Code Council Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to adopt standards of the
4 International Code Council as part of the State Plumbing Code; requiring the
5 Board to periodically review certain standards of the International Code
6 Council; requiring the Board to amend the State Plumbing Code to incorporate
7 certain standards of the International Code Council for a water conserving
8 appliance, device, fitting, or fixture under certain circumstances; authorizing
9 the Board to allow the installation of a water conserving appliance, device,
10 fitting, or fixture that meets certain standards of the International Code
11 Council under certain circumstances; and generally relating to incorporating
12 International Code Council standards into the State Plumbing Code.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
15 Section 12–205
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

21 12–205.

22 (a) The Board may adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Board may adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code,
2 regulations to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605 and 12–606 of this
3 title.

4 (2) The Board may adopt standards of the American National
5 Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other]
6 nationally recognized organization.

7 (3) The Board shall adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code,
8 regulations to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605.1 and 12–605.2 of
9 this title.

10 (c) (1) At least once a year, the Board shall review:

11 (i) new and existing standards of the American National
12 Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, and any [other]
13 organization listed in the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building
14 Code for water conserving appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures; and

15 (ii) the availability and cost of water conserving appliances,
16 devices, fittings, and fixtures that conform to the standards.

17 (2) If the Board finds that a water conserving appliance, device,
18 fitting, or fixture that conforms to the standards of the American National Standards
19 Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] organization listed
20 in the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building Code is readily
21 available at reasonable cost, the Board shall amend the State Plumbing Code to:

22 (i) incorporate the standards for and require use of the water
23 conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture; and

24 (ii) require the use of a water supply system and a drainage and
25 venting system that are designed based on the hydraulic requirements of the required
26 water conserving appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures.

27 (3) Notwithstanding the availability and cost of the appliance, device,
28 fitting, or fixture, the Board may allow, under the State Plumbing Code, the
29 installation of a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture that meets the
30 standards of the American National Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL**
31 **CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] organization listed in the State Plumbing Code or the
32 Model Performance Building Code, subject to the use of a water supply system and a
33 venting and drainage system design based on the hydraulic requirements of the
34 appliance, device, fitting, or fixture.

35 (4) On or before July 1 of each year and subject to § 2–1246 of the
36 State Government Article, the Board shall submit to the General Assembly a written

1 report on the implementation of this subsection, including the results of the review
2 conducted under this subsection.

3 (d) The Board shall:

4 (1) periodically publish an updated version of the State Plumbing
5 Code; and

6 (2) make available on request of any person a copy of the State
7 Plumbing Code for a reasonable fee.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2012.