

## Chapter 83

**(House Bill 57)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Maryland Building Performance Standards – Adoption, Implementation, and Enforcement of Modifications**

FOR the purpose of altering the period of time in which the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; altering the period of time in which a local jurisdiction is required to implement and enforce a modification of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State; and generally relating to the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Public Safety  
 Section 12–503(a) and 12–505(a)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

**Article – Public Safety**

12–503.

(a) (1) The Department shall adopt by regulation, as the Maryland Building Performance Standards, the International Building Code, including the International Energy Conservation Code, with the modifications incorporated by the Department under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The Department shall adopt each subsequent version of the Standards within [12 months] **18 MONTHS** after it is issued.

12–505.

(a) (1) (i) Each local jurisdiction shall implement and enforce the most current version of the Standards and any local amendments to the Standards.

(ii) Any modification of the Standards adopted by the State after December 31, 2009, shall be implemented and enforced by a local jurisdiction no later than [6 months] **12 MONTHS** after the modifications are adopted by the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.**