

SENATE BILL 352

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By: **Senator Watson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Building Performance Standards – Apartment Building Height**
3 **Allowances – Study and Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a workgroup
5 to study and make recommendations relating to maximum height restrictions for
6 apartment buildings with a single–exit stairway; requiring the Department to adopt
7 certain regulations by a certain date; and generally relating to maximum height
8 restrictions for apartment buildings with single–exit stairways.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The Maryland Department of Labor shall establish a workgroup to study the
12 maximum height restriction in each state for apartment buildings with a single–exit
13 stairway.

14 (b) The study shall:

15 (1) analyze the maximum height restrictions in each state for an
16 apartment building with a single–exit stairway; and

17 (2) on or before July 1, 2026, make recommendations to increase the
18 maximum height restriction for an apartment building with a single–exit stairway in the
19 State.

20 (c) On or before June 1, 2027, the Maryland Department of Labor shall adopt
21 regulations to modify the maximum height restriction for an apartment building with a
22 single–exit stairway in the Maryland Building Performance Standards based on the
23 recommendations of the workgroup.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027,
3 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
4 of no further force and effect.