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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act

FOR the purpose of	f requiring the	Maryland Energy	Administration to a	adopt
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- 4 regulations establishing minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new
- 5 products sold in the State; prohibiting certain new products from being sold or
- 6 offered for sale in the State on or after certain dates unless the products meet
- 7 the minimum energy efficiency standards; prohibiting certain new products
- 8 from being installed in the State on or after a certain date unless the products
- 9 meet the minimum energy efficiency standards; authorizing the Administration
- to delay the effective date of certain standards for up to a certain period in
- to delay the effective date of certain standards for up to a certain period in
- certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to adopt certain testing
- 12 procedures and labeling requirements; providing for the certification of new
- products; authorizing the Administration to test certain products and make
- 14 certain inspections to determine compliance; requiring the Administration to
- work with the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding
- 16 certain inspections; authorizing the Administration to investigate certain
- 17 complaints; authorizing the Attorney General to institute certain enforcement
- proceedings; providing for certain penalties; defining certain terms; and
- 19 generally relating to energy efficiency standards for certain products.
- 20 BY adding to
- 21 Article State Government
- 22 Section 9-2006
- 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)
- 25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1	Article - State Government
2	9-2006.
3 4	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
	(2) (I) "CEILING FAN" MEANS A NONPORTABLE DEVICE THAT IS SUSPENDED FROM A CEILING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CIRCULATING AIR VIA THE ROTATION OF FAN BLADES.
8 9	(II) "CEILING FAN LIGHT KIT" MEANS THE EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LIGHT FROM A CEILING FAN. THIS EQUIPMENT CAN BE:
10 11	1. INTEGRAL, SUCH THAT THE CEILING FAN LIGHT KIT IS HARDWIRED TO THE CEILING FAN; OR
14	2. ATTACHABLE, SUCH THAT AT THE TIME OF SALE THE CEILING FAN LIGHT KIT IS NOT PHYSICALLY ATTACHED TO THE FAN, BUT MAY BE INCLUDED INSIDE THE CEILING FAN PACKAGE AT THE TIME OF SALE OR SOLD SEPARATELY FOR SUBSEQUENT ATTACHMENT TO THE FAN.
	(3) "COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHER" MEANS A SOFT MOUNT FRONT-LOADING OR SOFT MOUNT TOP-LOADING CLOTHES WASHER THAT IS DESIGNED FOR USE IN:
	(I) APPLICATIONS WHERE THE OCCUPANTS OF MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD WILL BE USING IT, INCLUDING MULTIFAMILY HOUSING COMMON AREAS AND COIN LAUNDRIES; OR
22 23	(II) OTHER COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS, IF THE CLOTHES CONTAINER COMPARTMENT IS NOT GREATER THAN:
24 25	1. 3.5 CUBIC FEET FOR HORIZONTAL-AXIS CLOTHES WASHERS; OR
26	2. 4.0 CUBIC FEET FOR VERTICAL-AXIS CLOTHES WASHERS.
29 30	(4) (I) "COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION CABINET" MEANS A REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER, OR REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER DESIGNED FOR USE BY COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORING FOOD PRODUCTS, ICE, OR OTHER PERISHABLE ITEMS AT SPECIFIED TEMPERATURES AND THAT MAY BE CONFIGURED WITH EITHER SOLID OR TRANSPARENT DOORS AS A:
32	1. REACH-IN CABINET;
33	2. PASS-THROUGH CABINET;
34	3. ROLL-IN CABINET; OR
35	4. ROLL-THROUGH CABINET.

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1		(II)	"COMN	MERCIAL REFRIGERATION CABINET" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
2 3	VOLUME;		1.	PRODUCTS WITH 85 CUBIC FEET OR MORE OF INTERNAL
4			2.	WALK-IN REFRIGERATORS OR WALK-IN FREEZERS; OR
5 6	NATIONAL APPLI	ANCE EN	3. NERGY (CONSUMER PRODUCTS REGULATED UNDER THE CONSERVATION ACT OF 1987 (PUBLIC LAW 100-12).
9		E TELEV A CABLI	ISION F	LE TELEVISION BOX" MEANS A DEVICE THAT ACTS AS A PROGRAMMING AND CONVERTS DIGITAL SIGNALS CE PROVIDER TO A SIGNAL USABLE BY A
	(6) RECEIVES AND D SET.			EVISION CONVERTER BOX" MEANS A DEVICE THAT AL SIGNALS FOR DISPLAY BY AN ANALOG TELEVISION
		SIGNED	TO BE P	D EXIT SIGN" MEANS AN INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED ERMANENTLY FIXED IN PLACE TO IDENTIFY AN WHICH IS NOT TRANSPARENT.
	(8) PACKAGED AIR-C CAPACITY.			AGED AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT" MEANS EQUIPMENT WITH OVER 20 TONS OF COOLING
20 21	(9) DISTRIBUTION TI			GE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER" MEANS A HAT:
22		(I)	HAS A	N INPUT VOLTAGE OF 600 VOLTS OR LESS;
23		(II)	IS AIR-	COOLED; AND
24		(III)	DOES I	NOT USE OIL AS A COOLANT.
	(10) AIR-CONDITIONI WHOLE TO END-	NG EQUI	PMENT	IR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT" MEANS THAT IS BUILT AS A PACKAGE AND SHIPPED AS A
	(11) OR COMMERCIAI AND REAR OF TH	FREEZ	ER WITH	GH CABINET" MEANS A COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR H HINGED OR SLIDING DOORS ON BOTH THE FRONT OR OR FREEZER.
33		REEZER, RS OR L	OR COM	BINET" MEANS A COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR OR IMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER WITH HINGED Γ EXCLUDES ROLL-IN OR ROLL-THROUGH CABINETS

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- 1 (13) "ROLL-IN CABINET" MEANS A COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR OR 2 COMMERCIAL FREEZER WITH HINGED OR SLIDING DOORS THAT ALLOWS WHEELED
- 3 RACKS OF PRODUCT TO BE ROLLED INTO THE REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER.
- 4 (14) "ROLL-THROUGH CABINET" MEANS A COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR
- 5 OR COMMERCIAL FREEZER WITH HINGED OR SLIDING DOORS THAT ALLOWS6 WHEELED RACKS OF PRODUCT TO BE ROLLED THROUGH THE REFRIGERATOR OR
- 7 FREEZER.
- 8 (15) "SET-TOP BOX" MEANS A DIGITAL CABLE TELEVISION BOX.
- 9 WIRELESS TELEVISION RECEIVER, OR DIGITAL TELEVISION CONVERTER BOX.
- 10 (16) "TORCHIERE LIGHTING FIXTURE" MEANS A PORTABLE ELECTRIC
- 11 LIGHTING FIXTURE WITH A REFLECTOR BOWL GIVING LIGHT DIRECTED UPWARD SO
- 12 AS TO GIVE INDIRECT ILLUMINATION.
- 13 (17) "TRAFFIC SIGNAL" MEANS A DEVICE CONSISTING OF A SET OF
- 14 SIGNAL LIGHTS OPERATING IN SEQUENCE AND PLACED AT INTERSECTIONS TO
- 15 REGULATE TRAFFIC.
- 16 (18) "TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODULE" MEANS A STANDARD 8-INCH (200MM) OR
- 17 12-INCH (300MM) ROUND TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDICATION THAT:
- 18 (I) CONSISTS OF A LIGHT SOURCE, LENS, AND ALL PARTS
- 19 NECESSARY FOR OPERATION; AND
- 20 (II) COMMUNICATES MOVEMENT MESSAGES TO DRIVERS
- 21 THROUGH RED, AMBER, AND GREEN COLORS.
- 22 (19) "TRANSFORMER" MEANS A DEVICE CONSISTING ESSENTIALLY OF
- 23 TWO OR MORE COILS OF INSULATED WIRE THAT TRANSFERS ALTERNATING
- 24 CURRENT BY ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION FROM ONE COIL TO ANOTHER IN
- 25 ORDER TO CHANGE THE ORIGINAL VOLTAGE OR CURRENT VALUE.
- 26 (20) (I) "UNIT HEATER" MEANS A SELF-CONTAINED FAN-TYPE HEATER
- 27 THAT:
- 28 1. IS DESIGNED TO BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE HEATED
- 29 SPACE; AND
- 30 2. INCLUDES AN APPARATUS OR APPLIANCE TO SUPPLY
- 31 HEAT AND A FAN FOR CIRCULATING AIR OVER A HEAT EXCHANGE SURFACE, ALL
- 32 ENCLOSED IN A COMMON CASING.
- 33 (II) "UNIT HEATER" DOES NOT INCLUDE "WARM AIR FURNACES" AS
- 34 SPECIFICALLY DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 1992.
- 35 (21) "WIRELESS TELEVISION RECEIVER" MEANS A DEVICE USED IN
- 36 CONJUNCTION WITH A DISH ANTENNA TO RECEIVE SATELLITE OR OTHER WIRELESS

- 1 TELEVISION PROGRAMMING, AND THAT CONVERTS SIGNALS FROM A DISH ANTENNA 2 FOR USE BY A TELEVISION SET.
- 3 (B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE TESTING, CERTIFICATION, AND
- 4 ENFORCEMENT OF EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF NEW
- 5 PRODUCTS SOLD, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR INSTALLED IN THE STATE:
- 6 (I) TORCHIERE LIGHTING FIXTURES;
- 7 (II) UNIT HEATERS:
- 8 (III) LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS;
- 9 (IV) CEILING FANS AND CEILING FAN LIGHT KITS;
- 10 (V) TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODULES;
- 11 (VI) ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS;
- 12 (VII) COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION CABINETS;
- 13 (VIII) LARGE PACKAGED AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT;
- 14 (IX) SET-TOP BOXES; AND
- 15 (X) COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHERS.
- 16 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:
- 17 (I) NEW PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN THE STATE AND SOLD 18 OUTSIDE THE STATE;
- 19 (II) NEW PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE STATE AND
- 20 SOLD AT WHOLESALE INSIDE THE STATE FOR FINAL RETAIL SALE AND
- 21 INSTALLATION OUTSIDE THE STATE:
- 22 (III) PRODUCTS INSTALLED IN MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOMES AT
- 23 THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION; OR
- 24 (IV) PRODUCTS DESIGNED EXPRESSLY FOR INSTALLATION AND USE
- 25 IN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.
- 26 (C) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
- 27 ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING MINIMUM EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR THE
- 28 TYPES OF NEW PRODUCTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION.
- 29 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM
- 30 EFFICIENCY STANDARDS:

TORCHIERE FIXTURES MAY NOT CONSUME MORE THAN 190 (I)2 WATTS AND MAY NOT BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING WITH LAMPS THAT TOTAL MORE 3 THAN 190 WATTS; UNIT HEATERS MAY NOT HAVE PILOT LIGHTS AND SHALL HAVE (II)5 EITHER POWER VENTING OR AN AUTOMATIC FLUE DAMPER; THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE 6 (III)7 DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN THE VALUES SHOWN IN 8 TABLE 4-2 OF NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION STANDARD 9 TP-1-2002; (IV) CEILING FANS AND CEILING FAN LIGHT KITS SHALL MEET THE 11 TIER 1 CRITERIA OF VERSION 1.1 OF THE PRODUCT SPECIFICATION CONTAINED IN 12 THE "ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CEILING FANS", 13 DEVELOPED BY THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THAT TOOK 14 EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2002; TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODULES SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS 15 (V) 16 OF THE "ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS" 17 DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THAT TOOK 18 EFFECT IN FEBRUARY 2001: (VI) ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS 20 OF THE "ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR EXIT SIGNS" DEVELOPED BY 21 THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THAT TOOK EFFECT ON 22 JANUARY 1, 1999; COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION CABINETS SHALL MEET THE 23 (VII) 24 REQUIREMENTS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE IN WHICH "V" MEANS TOTAL 25 VOLUME IN CUBIC FEET AND "AV" MEANS ADJUSTED VOLUME, WHICH IS THE SUM OF 26 THE VOLUME OF REFRIGERATED SPACE AND 1.63 TIMES THE VOLUME OF FREEZER 27 SPACE: 28 **EQUIPMENT TYPE** MAXIMUM DAILY 29 **ENERGY CONSUMPTION** 30 (KILOWATT HOURS) 31 REACH-IN CABINETS, PASS-THROUGH 0.125V + 2.7632 CABINETS, AND ROLL-IN OR 33 ROLL-THROUGH CABINETS THAT ARE 34 REFRIGERATORS WITH SOLID DOORS 35 REACH-IN CABINETS, PASS-THROUGH 0.172V + 4.7736 CABINETS. AND ROLL-IN OR 37 ROLL-THROUGH CABINETS THAT ARE 38 REFRIGERATORS WITH TRANSPARENT 39 DOORS 40 REACH-IN CABINETS, PASS-THROUGH 0.398V + 2.2841 CABINETS, AND ROLL-IN OR 42 ROLL-THROUGH CABINETS THAT ARE 43 FREEZERS WITH SOLID DOORS

- 1 REACH-IN CABINETS, PASS-THROUGH 0.940V + 5.10
- 2 CABINETS, AND ROLL-IN OR
- 3 ROLL-THROUGH CABINETS THAT ARE
- 4 FREEZERS WITH TRANSPARENT DOORS
- 5 REACH-IN CABINETS THAT

0.273AV + 1.65

- 6 ARE REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS WITH
- 7 SOLID DOORS
- 8 (VIII) LARGE PACKAGED AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT SHALL
- 9 MEET THE TIER II REQUIREMENTS OF THE "MINIMUM EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCIES
- 10 FOR UNITARY COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONERS" OR "MINIMUM EQUIPMENT
- 11 EFFICIENCIES FOR HEAT PUMPS", AS APPROPRIATE, DEVELOPED BY THE
- 12 CONSORTIUM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AS IN EFFECT
- 13 ON JANUARY 1, 2002;
- 14 (IX) SET-TOP BOXES SHALL MEET THE TIER 2 CRITERIA OF THE
- 15 "ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR SET-TOP BOXES" DEVELOPED BY THE
- 16 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THAT TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY
- 17 1, 2001; AND
- 18 (X) COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHERS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM
- 19 MODIFIED ENERGY FACTOR OF 1.26 AND A MAXIMUM WATER CONSUMPTION FACTOR
- 20 OF 9.5, AS MEASURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL TEST METHOD FOR
- 21 CLOTHES WASHERS AS DEFINED IN 10 C.F.R., SECTION 430.23(J) (APPENDIX J1 TO
- 22 SUBPART B OF PART 430) (2001).
- 23 (D) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
- 24 PARAGRAPH, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005, A NEW PRODUCT OF ANY TYPE SET
- 25 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR
- 26 SALE IN THE STATE UNLESS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEW PRODUCT MEETS OR
- 27 EXCEEDS THE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED
- 28 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.
- 29 (II) WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHERS, WATER
- 30 EFFICIENCY STANDARDS MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2007.
- 31 (2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
- 32 PARAGRAPH, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006, A NEW PRODUCT OF A TYPE SET FORTH
- 33 IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE INSTALLED IN THE STATE
- 34 UNLESS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEW PRODUCT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE
- 35 EFFICIENCY STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER
- 36 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.
- 37 (II) COMMERCIAL CLOTHES WASHERS THAT DO NOT MEET THE
- 38 WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2)(X) OF THIS SECTION MAY
- 39 BE INSTALLED IN THE STATE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2008.

- 1 (3) PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A 2 PRODUCT THAT IS SOLD BEFORE THE APPLICABLE DATE STATED IN PARAGRAPH (1)
- 3 OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 4 (4) ON REQUEST OF A MARYLAND BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AND AFTER
- 5 PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DELAY THE EFFECTIVE
- 6 DATE OF ANY STANDARD UNDER THIS SECTION BY NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR IF THE
- 7 ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES THAT PRODUCTS CONFORMING TO THE STANDARD
- 8 WILL NOT BE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN MARYLAND BY THE APPLICABLE DATE STATED
- 9 IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 10 (E) BY REGULATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CLARIFY BUT NOT EXPAND 11 THE SCOPE OF THE DEVICES DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.
- 12 (F) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR TESTING
- 13 THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF THE NEW PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF
- 14 THIS SECTION IF TESTING PROCEDURES ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE MARYLAND
- 15 BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.
- 16 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE APPROPRIATE NATIONALLY
- 17 RECOGNIZED TEST METHODS SUCH AS THOSE APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES
- 18 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.
- 19 (3) THE MANUFACTURERS OF NEW PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION
- 20 (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CAUSE SAMPLES OF THEIR PRODUCTS TO BE TESTED
- 21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEST PROCEDURES ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 22 OR THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.
- 23 (G) (1) MANUFACTURERS OF NEW PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1)
- 24 OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE PRODUCTS
- 25 ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 26 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING
- 27 THE CERTIFICATION OF NEW PRODUCTS AND MAY COORDINATE WITH THE
- 28 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS OF OTHER STATES WITH SIMILAR STANDARDS.
- 29 (H) (1) MANUFACTURERS OF NEW PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1)
- 30 OF THIS SECTION SHALL IDENTIFY EACH PRODUCT OFFERED FOR SALE OR
- 31 INSTALLATION IN THE STATE AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM EFFICIENCY
- 32 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BY MEANS OF A
- 33 MARK, LABEL, OR TAG ON THE PRODUCT AND PACKAGING AT THE TIME OF SALE OR
- 34 INSTALLATION.
- 35 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING
- 36 THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUCH PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING WHICH SHALL BE
- 37 COORDINATED TO THE GREATEST PRACTICAL EXTENT WITH THE LABELING
- 38 PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATES AND FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH
- 39 EQUIVALENT EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

- 1 (I) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY TEST PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION 2 (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION USING AN ACCREDITED TESTING FACILITY.
- 3 (2) IF PRODUCTS TESTED ARE FOUND NOT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH
- 4 THE MINIMUM EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF
- 5 THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:
- 6 (I) CHARGE THE MANUFACTURER OF THE PRODUCT FOR THE 7 COST OF PRODUCT PURCHASE AND TESTING; AND
- 8 (II) MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON
- 9 PRODUCTS FOUND NOT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS.
- 10 (J) (1) WITH PRIOR NOTICE AND AT REASONABLE AND CONVENIENT
- 11 HOURS, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF DISTRIBUTORS
- 12 OR RETAILERS OF NEW PRODUCTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IN
- 13 ORDER TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 14 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT
- 15 OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING INSPECTIONS OF
- 16 BUILDING SITES CONTAINING NEW PRODUCTS THAT ARE ALSO COVERED BY THE
- 17 MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.
- 18 (K) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
- 19 CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF
- 20 AN INVESTIGATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 21 (2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO
- 22 ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 23 (3) A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR RETAILER OF NEW PRODUCTS
- 24 LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION THAT VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF
- 25 THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED A WARNING BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A FIRST
- 26 VIOLATION.
- 27 (4) REPEAT VIOLATORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT
- 28 MORE THAN \$250.
- 29 (5) EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE
- 30 OFFENSE AND EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A
- 31 SEPARATE OFFENSE.
- 32 (6) PENALTIES ASSESSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE IN ADDITION
- 33 TO COSTS ASSESSED UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.
- 34 (7) PENALTIES ASSESSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID
- 35 INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.
- 36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 37 July 1, 2003.