

SENATE BILL 625

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ENROLLED BILL

—*Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs / Environmental Matters*—

Introduced by **Senators Frosh, Conway, Dyson, Harrington, Lenett, Muse, Pinsky, Raskin, and Rosapepe**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Building Performance Standards – Energy Conservation and**
3 **Efficiency**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community
5 Development to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code as part of
6 the Maryland Building Performance Standards; ~~altering the time at which the~~
7 ~~Department is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Standards;~~
8 requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to consider
9 certain changes to the International Building Code before adopting each new
10 version into the Standards; authorizing the Department to adopt certain
11 modifications of the building code as part of the Standards; prohibiting the
12 Department from adopting certain other modifications of the building code as
13 part of the Standards; ~~requiring any version of the Standards adopted after a~~
14 ~~certain date to include certain additional energy savings in new buildings;~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 prohibiting local jurisdictions from adopting certain local amendments to the
 2 Standards; requiring local jurisdictions to implement and enforce a certain
 3 version of the Standards ~~by a certain date~~; *requiring certain modifications of the*
 4 *Standards to be implemented and enforced by a local jurisdiction no later than a*
 5 *certain period of time after the modifications are adopted; defining a certain*
 6 *term*; and generally relating to energy efficiency requirements under the
 7 Maryland Building Performance Standards.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 9 Article – Public Safety
 10 Section 12–501, 12–503, 12–504(a), and 12–505(a)(1)
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
 12 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 12–501.

17 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (b) “Building” has the meaning stated in the International Building Code.

19 (c) “Department” means the Department of Housing and Community
 20 Development.

21 (d) (1) “International Building Code” means the first printing of the most
 22 recent edition of the International Building Code issued by the International Code
 23 Council.

24 (2) “International Building Code” does not include interim
 25 amendments or subsequent printings of the most recent edition of the International
 26 Building Code.

27 (e) (1) **“INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE” MEANS**
 28 **THE FIRST PRINTING OF THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL**
 29 **ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE**
 30 **COUNCIL.**

31 (2) **“INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE” DOES NOT**
 32 **INCLUDE INTERIM AMENDMENTS OR SUBSEQUENT PRINTINGS OF THE MOST**
 33 **RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.**

1 (F) “Local jurisdiction” means the county or municipal corporation that is
2 responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Standards under this subtitle.

3 [(f)] (G) “Standards” means the Maryland Building Performance
4 Standards.

5 [(g)] (H) “Structure” has the meaning stated in the International Building
6 Code.

7 12-503.

8 (a) (1) The Department shall adopt by regulation, as the Maryland
9 Building Performance Standards, the International Building Code, **INCLUDING THE**
10 **INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**, with the modifications
11 incorporated by the Department under subsection (b) of this section.

12 (2) The Department shall adopt each subsequent version of the
13 Standards within ~~12~~ 9 months after it is issued.

14 (b) (1) Before adopting each version of the Standards, the Department
15 shall:

16 (i) review the International Building Code to determine
17 whether modifications should be incorporated in the Standards;

18 **(II) CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL**
19 **BUILDING CODE TO ENHANCE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY;**

20 [(ii)] **(III)** accept written comments;

21 [(iii)] **(IV)** consider any comments received; and

22 [(iv)] **(V)** hold a public hearing on each proposed modification.

23 (2) **(I)** [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**
24 **THIS PARAGRAPH, THE** Department may not adopt, as part of the Standards, a
25 modification of a building code requirement that is more stringent than the
26 requirement in the International Building Code.

27 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ENERGY ~~SAVINGS~~**
28 **CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE**
29 **REQUIREMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, BUT**
30 **MAY NOT ADOPT ENERGY ~~SAVINGS~~ CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE**
31 **LESS STRINGENT ~~THAT~~ THAN THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL**
32 **ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.**

1 ~~(C) (1) ANY VERSION OF THE STANDARDS ADOPTED AFTER~~
 2 ~~DECEMBER 31, 2012, SHALL INCLUDE ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS~~
 3 ~~THAT ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ENERGY SAVINGS IN NEW BUILDINGS THAT ARE AT~~
 4 ~~LEAST 30% GREATER THAN THE SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY COMPARABLE~~
 5 ~~BUILDINGS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2006 VERSION OF THE~~
 6 ~~INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.~~

7 ~~(2) ANY VERSION OF THE STANDARDS ADOPTED AFTER~~
 8 ~~DECEMBER 31, 2018, SHALL INCLUDE ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS~~
 9 ~~THAT ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ENERGY SAVINGS IN NEW BUILDINGS THAT ARE AT~~
 10 ~~LEAST 50% GREATER THAN THE SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY COMPARABLE~~
 11 ~~BUILDINGS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2006 VERSION OF THE~~
 12 ~~INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.~~

13 ~~{(c)}~~ (D) The Standards apply to each building or structure in the State for
 14 which a building permit application is received by a local jurisdiction on or after
 15 August 1, 1995.

16 12-504.

17 (a) A local jurisdiction may adopt local amendments to the Standards if the
 18 local amendments do not:

19 (1) prohibit the minimum implementation and enforcement activities
 20 set forth in § 12-505 of this subtitle; OR

21 (2) WEAKEN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY
 22 PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE STANDARDS.

23 12-505.

24 (a) (1) (I) Each local jurisdiction shall implement and enforce the
 25 **MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE** Standards and any local amendments to the
 26 Standards.

27 (II) **ANY MODIFICATION OF THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY**
 28 **THE STATE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2009, SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND**
 29 **ENFORCED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION NO LATER THAN 90 120-DAYS 6 MONTHS**
 30 **AFTER THE MODIFICATIONS ARE ADOPTED BY THE STATE.**

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 32 October 1, 2009.