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BY: Senator Glassman

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 553
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Housing –” and substitute “Energy Efficient Buildings –”; and in the same line, after “Program” insert “and Building Performance Standards”; in line 15, after “regulations;” insert “authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that are equivalent to the requirements of certain international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes;”; in line 17, after “homes” insert “and energy-efficient building performance standards”; and after line 23, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 12-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 23, insert:

“Article – Public Safety

12–504.

(a) (1) A local jurisdiction may adopt local amendments to the Standards if the local amendments do not:

(i) prohibit the minimum implementation and enforcement activities set forth in § 12–505 of this subtitle;

(Over)

(ii) weaken energy conservation and efficiency provisions contained in the Standards;

(iii) except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, weaken the automatic fire sprinkler systems provisions for townhouses and one- and two-family dwellings contained in the Standards; or

(iv) weaken wind design and wind-borne debris provisions contained in the Standards.

(2) (i) Regardless of whether the International Green Construction Code is adopted by the Department under § 12-503(d) of this subtitle, a local jurisdiction may adopt the International Green Construction Code.

(ii) A local jurisdiction may make local amendments to the International Green Construction Code.

(3) Paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection does not apply to:

(i) standards governing issuance of a building permit for a property not connected to an electrical utility; or

(ii) until January 1, 2016, standards governing issuance of a building permit for a new one- or two-family dwelling constructed on:

1. a lot subject to a valid unexpired public works utility agreement that was executed before March 1, 2011; or

2. a lot served by an existing water service line from a water main to the property line that:

A. is less than a nominal 1-inch size;

B. is approved and owned by the public or private water system that owns the mains;

C. was installed before March 1, 2011; and

D. is fully operational from the public or private main to a curb stop or meter pit located at the property line.

(b) If a local jurisdiction adopts a local amendment to the Standards, the Standards as amended by the local jurisdiction apply in the local jurisdiction.

(c) (1) If a local amendment conflicts with the Standards, the local amendment prevails in the local jurisdiction.

(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ADOPT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF:

(I) THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE;

(II) CHAPTER 13, "ENERGY EFFICIENCY", OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE; OR

(III) CHAPTER 11, "ENERGY EFFICIENCY", OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.

(d) A local jurisdiction that adopts a local amendment to the Standards shall ensure that the local amendment is adopted in accordance with applicable local law.

(e) To keep the database established under this subtitle current, a local jurisdiction that adopts a local amendment to the Standards shall provide a copy of the local amendment to the Department:

(1) at least 15 days before the effective date of the amendment; or

(2) within 5 days after the adoption of an emergency local amendment.”.