HOUSE BILL 489

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- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 Maryland Department of Labor Study on Building Code Requirements for Single–Staircase Buildings
- FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study and make recommendations regarding building code requirements for single-staircase buildings; and generally relating to building code requirements for single-staircase buildings.
- 8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 9 That:
- 10 (a) In this section, "Department" means the Maryland Department of Labor.
- 11 (b) The Department shall:
- 12 (1) conduct a study on building code requirements for single-staircase 13 buildings in the State and other states; and
- 14 (2) make recommendations regarding potential legislative or regulatory 15 changes to authorize the construction of single-staircase buildings up to six stories above 16 grade plane in the State for the purpose of increasing the affordable housing supply by 17 reducing barriers to multifamily housing development.
 - (c) The study shall:

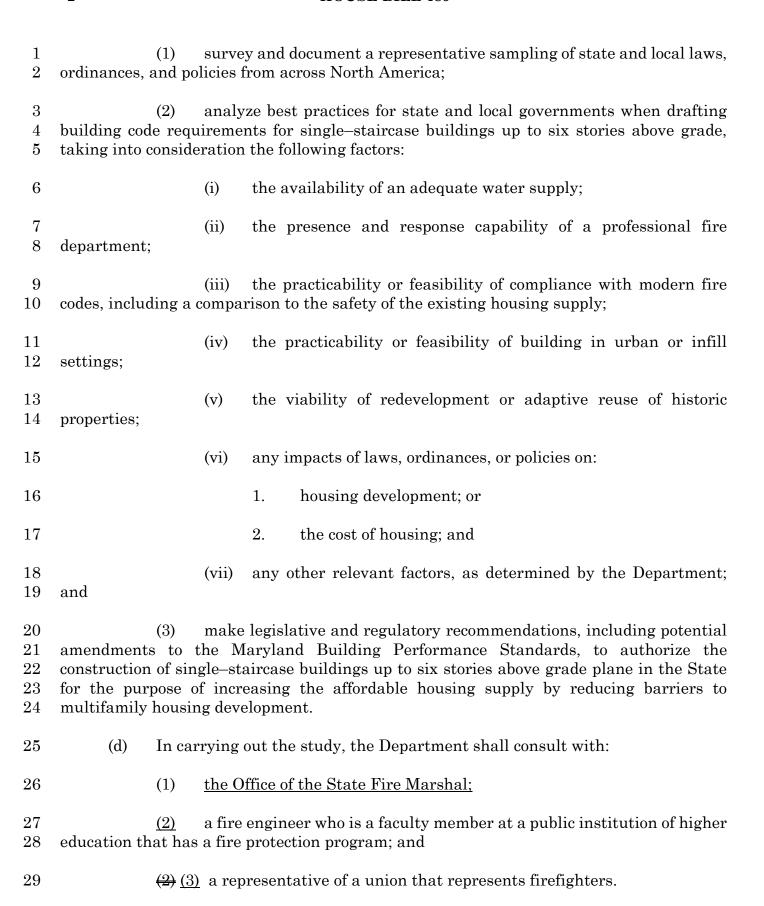
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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(e) On or before December 1, 2025 2026, the Department shall report its finding and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State			
Government Article, the General Assembly, the Senate Education, Energy, and th Environment Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.			
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect J 1, 2025 .			
Approved:			
Governor.			
Speaker of the House of Delegates.			
President of the Senate.			