

sec. 257K). Chapter 908, Acts of 1978, authorized an additional \$7,500,000 in reserves for the Maryland Housing Fund.

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The Office of Development Planning (ODP) was created by the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development in May 1974. Funded largely through Federal grants, ODP is responsible for the continuous generation of an economic development strategy that will improve the efficiency with which public and private resources are distributed in order to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Maryland. The Office examines selected issues that might have a significant impact on statewide economic development and proposes substantive programs related to these issues; provides development planning assistance to local governments and regional organizations; facilitates coordination among local, State, regional, and federal authorities on economic development issues affecting the State; and assists regional and local organizations in establishing their own economic development processes.

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Codes Administration is responsible for the Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Code, the Model Performance Code, the Maryland Building Code for the Handicapped and Aged, the administration of the Maryland Safety Glazing law, and the adoption of guidelines for energy conservation.

The Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Code, established by Chapter 662, Acts of 1971, offers certification standards for any building, building sub-system, or component that is manufactured or partially assembled off-site to be used in a Maryland structure. The intent of the Code is to encourage and enable expanded industrialized building activity in the State. Buildings and building sub-system components that are certified by the State under this Code can be used or erected anywhere in Maryland, regardless of local

building codes, but must, of course, comply with local zoning laws. The Code also applied to mobile homes offered for sale within the State until the federal government adopted a new HUD standard effective June 15, 1976, which superseded the Maryland standard. The Codes Division will continue to perform inspection functions in assistance to enforcement of the HUD standard under the provisions of Article 41, Section 266EE-7.

The Model Performance Code was adopted by Chapter 663, Acts of 1971. The basis of the State's Model Performance Code is the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Basic Building Code (BOCA). It is the intent of the General Assembly that this code eventually be adopted throughout the State to allow builders to adapt their materials to a single set of modern, flexible standards. A requirement to include provisions to promote energy conservation in the Model Performance Code was adopted by the Legislature in 1974 (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 257J).

A Safety Glazing law was adopted by Chapter 116, Acts of 1973, which required the use of safety glazing in all hazardous locations after July 1, 1973. This was an updating of a previous less restrictive law. Administration of this law is performed by the Codes Administration Division (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 266GG-1 to 266GG-6).

The Statewide Building Energy Utilization Act, adopted in 1978, authorizes Codes Administration to develop statewide standards for energy conservation in new buildings. Implementation of this Act is not anticipated until January 1, 1979 (Article 41, sec. 257M).

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The Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Act of Chapter 662, Acts of 1971, prescribed that the certification and inspection of industrialized buildings and mobile homes be done in part by accredited local enforcement agency personnel, and authorized the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a program of training and accreditation of such personnel. In order to assist the Secretary of Economic and Community Development to certify code enforcement inspectors,