

## CODES ADMINISTRATION

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Codes Administration is responsible for the Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Code, the Model Performance Building Code, the Maryland Building Code for the Handicapped, the administration of the Maryland Safety Glazing law, and 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for sale within the State until the federal government adopted a new HUD standard effective June 15, 1976, which superseded the Maryland standard.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 Building 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, performance oriented, 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. The regulations became effective on June 29, 1979 (Article 41, sec. 257M).

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION BOARD

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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 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, the Maryland Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Code provides for the appointment by the Secretary of a Code Enforcement Certification Board.

The Board consists of nine members, three of whom are certified code enforcement officials and one member each from the following groups and agencies: licensed architect, registered engineer, representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development, educator, member of the Advisory Commission on Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes, and a building industry representative. The Board is responsible for recommending standards for certification of code enforcement personnel; examining and certifying qualified applicants; reviewing qualifications for certification; revoking certification where warranted; keeping records of all its proceedings; maintaining a current list of certified code enforcement officials; and making an annual report to the Secretary (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 266EE-4).

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