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The Advisory Commission on Energy Utilization in Buildings was established in 1978 to make recommendations to the Secretary of Economic and Community Development regarding the promulgation of statewide energy utilization guidelines and their application (Chapter 332, Acts of 1978). The Commission is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Secretary who serve without compensation. Commission members represent the building code enforcement agencies, architectural and engineering professions, public utilities, the commercial construction industry, legislative bodies of local government, and the general public.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING AND MOBILE HOMES

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The Advisory Commission on Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes was created by Chapter 662, Acts of 1971, to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development concerning the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations prescribing standards for industrialized building units and mobile homes. The same Act provided for the inspection of the manufacturing facilities and the assemblies being produced. The Commission consists of fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development who serve at his pleasure. Members serve three-year terms. Those included on the Commission consist of representatives of industries and professions involved in the development and construction of industrialized buildings and mobile homes, persons selected from building code enforcement agencies, architectural and engineering associations, building construction trades, the contracting and manufacturing industry, legislative bodies of local government, the financial industry, and the general public. The Commission submits an annual report to the Secretary and the General Assembly regarding rules, regulations, and pro-

grams relating to the Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes Acts of 1971. The HUD Mobile Standard, which became effective on June 15, 1976, supersedes the Maryland standard for mobile homes, but the Commission may still make recommendations. Such recommendations are submitted to HUD for consideration (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 266EE 1-4, 7, 8).

MARYLAND HOUSING FUND

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The Maryland Housing Fund was established by Chapter 669, Acts of 1971. Its primary objective is to assist State citizens of all income levels to acquire safe, decent, and sanitary housing. The Fund aims to stimulate home ownership through innovative mortgage insurance programs, which insure qualified lending institutions against losses.

Other aims of Fund programs are to encourage the construction and rehabilitation of multi-family rental housing and cooperative housing, and the purchase and rehabilitation of existing houses.

The Fund, operated through many State lending institutions, has as its reserves \$42,000,000 in State general obligation bonds (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 257K).

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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The Division of Public Affairs was created in July 1974 to expand the Department's liaison with representatives of the general, industrial, and other news media and with public relations personnel of business and industry and other groups located in Maryland. The Division's primary objective is to create a better public understanding of Department programs. It strives to accomplish this by disseminating information to representatives of the news media and through publication of *Maryland Magazine*, and the production of various other Departmental publications, including the *Directory of Maryland Manufacturers* (biennially, even years), and the *Directory of Science Resources for Maryland* (biennially, odd years).