

system with its essentially local building regulatory departments has done a creditable job protecting the health and safety of the people in their respective communities.

It is further found and declared that this new demand calls for more in depth performance evaluations in terms of the intent of the building regulations and inspection services; these evaluations usually involve going beyond the boundaries of local units of government and require the assistance of the State.

It is further found and declared that local officials in Maryland possess great knowledge and insight in this field and are aware of the needs for modification, and their cooperation in developing, applying and refining a satisfactory program is essential; similarly, there is a great opportunity to cooperate with sister states, with organizations that have published widely-used model building codes, standards of regulations, and with other similarly engaged agencies, such as the U. S. National Bureau of Standards.

It is further found and declared that such cooperation shall be an integral element in the application and enforcement of this state-wide program.

266EE-2. Definitions.

(a) *“Approved testing facility” means an architect or professional engineer, whose registration is accepted by Maryland, or a testing organization, determined by the Department to be specifically qualified by reason of facilities, personnel, experience and demonstrated reliability, to investigate, test and evaluate industrialized buildings and mobile homes, or the component parts thereof; to list such units complying with standards promulgated by the Department; to provide adequate follow-up services at the point of manufacture to insure that production units are in full compliance; and to provide a label, seal or other evidence of compliance on each unit.*

(b) *“Department” means Department of Economic and Community Development.*

(c) *“First user” means any person, firm or corporation initially installing factory-built buildings within Maryland. A person who subsequently buys a building which wholly or partially consists of an industrialized building is not a first user within the meaning of this definition.*

(d) *“Industrialized Building” means a building assembly or system of building sub-assemblies, including the necessary electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and other service systems, manufactures in its entirety, or in substantial part, off-site and transported to the point of use for installation or erection, with or without other specified components, as a finished building or as a part of a finished building comprising two or more industrialized building units, and not designed for ready removal to, or installation or erection on another site.*

(e) *“Install” means the assembly of an industrialized building on site and the process of affixing an industrialized building to land, a foundation, footings or an existing building.*

(f) *“Local enforcement agency” means any agency of the governing body of any city or county which enforces laws or ordinances governing the construction of buildings.*