

sirable. The Advisory Commission shall submit an annual report to the Secretary and the Legislature regarding rules, regulations, and programs relating to this Act.

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The Secretary shall enforce the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations pursuant hereto. Any person who violates any provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation pursuant hereto is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for each offense he shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. The Secretary, upon information, may refer any apparent violation to the appropriate State's Attorney.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 663

(Senate Bill 560)

AN ACT to add new Section 257-J to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Department of Economic and Community Development," to follow immediately after Section 257-I thereof; to authorize the Department of Economic and Community Development to prepare and issue a Model Performance Code for building construction in the State of Maryland; to provide what elements shall be covered by said Code and how it shall be framed; to set forth the circumstances under which said Code shall be binding on different subdivisions within the State; to set out the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Economic and Community Development in connection with the enforcement and administration of said Code; and relating generally to a Model Performance Code for building construction.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 257-J be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative De-*