Code for the Handicapped, administration of the Maryland Safety Glazing law, and guidelines for energy conservation.

The Industrialized Building 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 Marvland, regardless of local building codes, as long as they comply with local zoning laws. The Codes Administration also inspects mobile homes offered for sale in Maryland to help enforce 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 construction practices to a single set of modern, performance-oriented standards. Provisions to promote energy conservation in building construction were established by the Legislature in 1981 by adoption of the Maryland Energy Conservation Building Standards Act (Code 1957, Art. 78, sec. 54–I).

The Codes Administration administers the Safety Glazing law (Chapter 116, Acts of 1973). The law requires the use of safety glazing in all hazardous locations (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 266GG-1 to 266GG-6).

The Statewide Building Energy Conservation Standards, adopted in 1978, authorizes the Codes Administration to develop statewide standards for energy conservation in new buildings (Article 41, sec. 257M).

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

The Board recommends standards for certification of code enforcement personnel, examines and certifies qualified applicants, reviews qualifications for certification, and revokes certification where warranted. The Department maintains a current list of certified code enforcement officials.

The Board consists of nine members. Three are certified code enforcement officials and one member each is chosen from the following groups and agencies: licensed architects, registered engineers, educators, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Advisory Commission on Industrialized Building and Mobile Homes, and the building industry (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 266EE-4).

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Established in 1978, the Advisory Commission on Energy Utilization in Buildings makes recommendations to the Secretary of Economic and Community Development on the promulgation of statewide energy use guidelines and their application (Chapter 332, Acts of 1978).

The Commission is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Secretary. Members represent the building code enforcement agencies, architectural and engineering professions, public utilities, the commercial construction industry, legislative bodies of local government, and the public.

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