

CHAPTER 597

(House Bill 413)

AN ACT concerning

Department of General Services - Energy Conservation

FOR the purpose of directing the Department of General Services to establish standards for life-cycle cost analysis of alternative architectural and engineering designs on all new State buildings after a certain date; defining terms; providing that all construction appropriations authorized after a certain date require certain agencies to obtain evaluations of life-cycle costs and energy consumption; requiring the Department to define certain terms with supporting criteria; requiring the Department to establish standards for energy performance indices; and generally relating to energy conservation and State building construction.

BY adding to

Article 78A - Public Works

Section 25A through 25F, inclusive, to be under the new subheading "Energy Conservation in Buildings"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

ENERGY CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS

25A.

IN ORDER THAT ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSIDERATIONS BECOME A FUNCTION OF BUILDING DESIGN, AND ALSO A MODEL FOR FUTURE APPLICATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE THAT BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED AND FINANCED BY THE STATE OR WITH STATE ASSISTANCE ARE TO BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL MINIMIZE BOTH THE COST TO THE STATE AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES USED IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS. TO ACCOMPLISH THE DUAL BENEFITS OF COST AND ENERGY SAVINGS, A LIFE-CYCLE COST AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION ANALYSIS SHALL BE CONSIDERED DURING THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS.

25B.

(A) IN THIS SUBHEADING THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL