

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 54-I  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law  
Section 13-301(11) and (12)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law  
Section 13-301(13)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, A substantial portion of the energy consumed in Maryland is utilized in the heating and cooling of buildings; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of policies designed to improve the energy efficiency of buildings is in the public interest of the citizens of this State as a means to reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil, to reduce the depletion of nonrenewable energy resources, and to lessen the impact of rising energy costs on the consumer; and

WHEREAS, Toward this end, the General Assembly did adopt in 1978 legislation providing for the promulgation of a set of statewide energy guidelines generally applicable to all newly constructed buildings, but experience has demonstrated that an effective enforcement mechanism is needed if the policy of promoting energy efficiency in newly constructed buildings is to further advance; and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve this end, new buildings utilizing electricity should meet certain standards; now, therefore,

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 78 - Public Service Commission Law