

**CHAPTER 427**

**(Senate Bill 267)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act**

FOR the purpose of altering certain dates and certain percentages in the provisions of law that require the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set certain energy performance standards that require certain reductions of energy consumption in State buildings; providing a certain exception for certain buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation; altering the date by which State agencies are required to conduct energy consumption analyses of each building under their jurisdiction; altering the date by which State agencies are required to update certain energy conservation plans by a certain date; ~~providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to the Department of Transportation; requiring the Department of Transportation to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date on a plan to reduce energy consumption in its buildings by a certain amount by a certain date~~; and generally relating to improving energy efficiency and conservation in State buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - State Finance and Procurement  
Section 4-806  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Finance and Procurement**

4-806.

(a) So that it can audit and evaluate competing design proposals, the Department, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, shall set standards for energy performance indices.

(b) As experience develops on the energy performance achieved in State buildings, the energy performance indices will serve as a measure of building performance with respect to energy consumption.

(c) The Department, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, shall set energy performance standards that require the average energy consumption per square foot in State buildings be reduced from the level in [1992] ~~2006~~ 2005 as follows:

- (1) [15] 5% by [1996] 2009; and