

Trust review and avoid administrative duplication and time delays.

[5-309.] 5-619.

(a) Failure by a State unit to comply with the provisions of [§§ 5-307 and 5-308 of this article] §§ 5-617 AND 5-618 OF THIS SUBTITLE does not create a private cause of action under the laws of this State.

(b) A person may appeal the reasonableness of any license or permit condition in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

TITLE 6. BUILDING AND MATERIAL CODES

Subtitle [4.] 1. Statewide Building and Housing Codes

[11-401.] 6-101.

(a) The General Assembly of Maryland finds that the potential benefits of new materials and techniques for building construction are not readily available to Maryland, in part because existing building codes are so written as to preclude their use. However, modification of such regulations, where they exist, cannot be readily made because the techniques and skills needed to utilize different types of building codes are beyond the background of some of the existing officials. They cannot reasonably be expected to enforce significantly modified regulations without additional training. Moreover, several subdivisions within the State of Maryland have no building codes of any type to protect its citizens against the intrusion of unsafe, unsound or unsanitary buildings to their communities. This measure of protection should be provided to such communities. Therefore, the Department of ~~Economic and Community~~ Development is hereby authorized to prepare and issue a Model Performance Code for building construction in the State of Maryland.

(b) The Model Performance Code which the Department [of Economic and Community Development] is authorized to issue, shall cover such elements as plumbing, structure, electrical systems and other elements appropriate to assure safe and sound construction. The Model Code shall also include elements which promote the efficient utilization of energy resources. The Model Code shall be framed in terms of the purposes for which building codes are drawn rather than the specifications of materials and methods required to achieve the goals. To the extent practicable, the Model Code will be consistent with the Code used for industrialized building.