

Rules, the Board of Barber Examiners, the State Board of Examining Engineers, the Board of Examining Moving Picture Machine Operators, the Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors, the State Board of [Commissioners of Practical] Plumbing, the Maryland Architectural Registration Board, the State Board of Cosmetologists, the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, the Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors, the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy, the Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables, the Board of Examiners for Maryland Pilots, the Division of Labor and Industry, the Office of Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates, the Advisory Committee on the Wage and Hour Law, the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Board, the Employment Agency Advisory Board, the Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the State Board of Registration for Foresters, and such other agencies, boards, commissions, councils, offices, or units of government as may hereafter pursuant to law be declared to be part of the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Article 41B - Department of Housing and
Community Development

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 is hereby authorized to prepare and issue a Model Performance Code for building construction in the State of Maryland.

(b) (1) The Model Performance Code which the Department 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.