

6-405.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) COORDINATE WITH LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, AND LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS IN COMPILING INFORMATION FOR THE CENTRAL DATA BASE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) NOTIFY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS OF CHANGES TO THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE IMPACT SUCH CHANGES WILL HAVE ON THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS IN EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION;

(3) INCLUDE IN THE CENTRAL DATA BASE PROPOSED STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE AND THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;

(4) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARYLAND BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDE TRAINING FOR LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS ON THE MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND CERTIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS IN THE TRAINING; AND

(5) ON REQUEST, PROVIDE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

(1) COMPILE AND INCLUDE IN THE CENTRAL DATA BASE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-404(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS; AND

(II) INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE INCLUDING SUBSEQUENT PRINTINGS OF THE MOST RECENT EDITION;

(2) DEVELOP A VOLUNTARY FORUM THAT MAY BE USED, AT THE REQUEST OF A LOCAL JURISDICTION, TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS INVOLVING THE MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS; AND

(3) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6-406.

(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ALTER OR ABROGATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE THE STATE PLUMBING CODE UNDER TITLE 12 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.