

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

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

6-404.

(a) The Department shall:

(1) Establish and maintain a central automated data base that, at a minimum, contains:

(i) The Maryland Building Performance Standards;

(ii) Local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards;

(iii) The State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments to the code promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission;

(iv) Fire codes adopted by counties and municipalities and any amendments; [and]

(v) THE ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 38A, §§ 59 AND 60 OF THE CODE;

(vi) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 38A, §§ 59 AND 60 OF THE CODE;

(vii) THE ENERGY CODE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 78, § 54J OF THE CODE;

(viii) LOCAL CODE PROVISIONS THAT ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE ENERGY CODE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 78, § 54J OF THE CODE; AND

[(v)] (ix) Information compiled by the Department under § 6-405(b)(1) of this subtitle;

(2) Make information from the data base available to any county, municipality, State unit or other interested party; and

(3) Purchase or otherwise provide a local jurisdiction with the necessary hardware or software to enable the local jurisdiction to access the information in the central automated data base.

(b) (1) The Department may charge a fee for information provided from the data base except that a fee may not be charged to State units, counties, or municipalities. If any fees are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year, the fees shall not revert to the General Fund of the State, but instead shall be maintained as special funds available to the Department for carrying out the purposes of this subtitle.

(2) The Department may not charge a fee to a county or municipality to cover or support the ongoing maintenance or upkeep of the data base.

(c) A local jurisdiction shall furnish to the Department: