- **!**(g)**!**(E) "Maryland Building Performance Standards" or "Standards" means the **!**BOCA National**!** STATE Building Code adopted by the Department under § 6−402 of this subtitle.
- $\{(h)\}$ "Municipality" means a municipal corporation subject to the provisions of Article XI-E of the State Constitution.
- ₹(i)¾ (K) "Standard Building Code" means the standard building code issued by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.
- (L) (1) "STATE BUILDING CODE" MEANS THE PIRST PRINTING OF THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ISSUED BY ICC.
- (2) IF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE IS NOT ISSUED BY ICC, THEN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE PERIODICALLY ISSUED BY BOCA WILL PREVAIL.
- **{**(j)**}** (M) "State Fire Prevention Code" means the fire prevention regulations promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission in accordance with Article 38A, § 3 of the Code.
- **{**(k)**}**(N) "Structure" has the meaning and interpretation set forth in the **{**BOCA National**}** STATE Building Code.
- (a) The Department shall adopt by regulation, as the Maryland Building Performance Standards, the {BOCA National} STATE Building Code with the modifications incorporated by the Department under § 6-403 of this subtitle.
- (b) (1) The Department shall adopt the initial version of the Maryland Building Performance Standards on or before August 1, 1994.
- (2) (1) The Department shall adopt all subsequent versions of the Standards within 9 24 months of the date FBOCA less the FBOCA National INTERNATIONAL Building Code.
- (II) IF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE IS NOT ISSUED BY ICC, THEN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE SHALL BE ADOPTED WITHIN 9 MONTHS OF THE ISSUE DATE OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE PERIODICALLY ISSUED BY BOCA.
- (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Maryland Building Performance Standards shall apply to all buildings and structures within the State for which a building permit application is received by a local jurisdiction on or after August 1, 1995.
- (2) In counties or municipalities that have not adopted a building code as of October 1, 1992, the Standards shall apply to all buildings and structures for which a building permit application is received by the local jurisdiction on or after August 1, 1997.