

(j) "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) "Structure" has the meaning and interpretation set forth in the [BOCA National] INTERNATIONAL Building Code.

6-402.

(a) The Department shall adopt by regulation, as the Maryland Building Performance Standards, the [BOCA National] INTERNATIONAL 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) The Department shall adopt all subsequent versions of the Standards within [24] 12 months of the date [BOCA] ICC issues the [BOCA National] INTERNATIONAL Building Code.

(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.

(3) In counties or municipalities that have adopted the standard building code as of October 1, 1993, 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, 2001.

(4) (i) If the Department has not provided funding to a county or municipality to cover all direct and reasonable costs necessary for converting or establishing local systems to implement the Standards, then the provisions of this subsection shall be void and without effect as to the particular county or municipality until the time that the needed funds are made available by the Department.

(ii) 1. In this paragraph "costs" means expenses associated with hardware, software, training, technical assistance, or other direct expenses that a county or municipality incurs to implement the Standards.

2. In this paragraph "costs" does not include expenses that a county or municipality would incur without implementation of the Standards.

(5) A local jurisdiction may implement and enforce the Maryland Building Performance Standards and any local amendment on or before the dates specified in this subsection for application of the Standards.