

is deleted as synonymous with the reference to a "lessee".

In the introductory language of subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to a judge "of the District Court" is deleted as implicit in the reference in subsection (b) of this section to an application made to the District Court.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 2. STATEWIDE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODES.

12-201. MODEL PERFORMANCE CODE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(3) "INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12-301 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF NEW MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE STATE PARTLY BECAUSE EXISTING BUILDING CODES PRECLUDE THEIR USE; AND

(2) SEVERAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE STATE HAVE NO BUILDING CODES OF ANY TYPE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AGAINST UNSAFE, UNSOUND, OR UNSANITARY BUILDINGS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THIS MEASURE OF PROTECTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THESE COMMUNITIES.

(C) AUTHORIZED.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT A MODEL PERFORMANCE CODE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE.

(D) NOT BINDING IN SUBDIVISION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADOPTED.

THE MODEL PERFORMANCE CODE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IS NOT BINDING IN A SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE UNLESS THE SUBDIVISION SPECIFICALLY ADOPTS IT.

(E) CONTENTS.

(1) THE MODEL PERFORMANCE CODE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SHALL COVER ELEMENTS APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE SAFE AND SOUND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING PLUMBING, STRUCTURE, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.