

(e) "County" means any of the 23 counties of the State and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

(f) "Local jurisdiction" means the county or municipality responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Maryland Building Performance Standards as more specifically provided in § 6-402(f) of this subtitle.

(g) "Maryland Building Performance Standards" or "Standards" means the BOCA National 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) "Standard Building Code" means the standard building code issued by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.

(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 Building Code.
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(a) The Department shall adopt by regulation, as the Maryland Building Performance Standards, the BOCA National 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 9 months of the date BOCA issues the BOCA National 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, 1999.

(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