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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 16, 2009
To: Maryland Local Building officials and All Interested parties
From:  Ed Landon, Director, Maryland Codes Administration
Ref: Senate Bill 625 for Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS) – Energy Conservation and Efficiency

The Senate bill 625 was signed into law by the Governor on May 7, 2009. The law shall be effective October 1, 2009.

According to the law, the Department is required to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as part of the MBPS and authorizes that the Department may adopt energy conservation requirements that are more stringent than the requirements in the IECC, but may not adopt energy conservation requirements that are less stringent than the requirements in the IECC. Further, the law requires that a local jurisdiction may adopt local amendments to the Standards if the local amendments do not:

- (1) prohibit the minimum implementation and enforcement activities set forth in Public Safety Article 12-505, or
- (2) weaken energy conservation and efficiency provisions contained in the Standards.

Also, please be advised that Public Safety Article 12-505 (a) (1) has been revised by the law to read as follows:

12-505 (a) (1)

- (I) Each local jurisdiction shall implement and enforce the most current version of the Standards and any local amendments to the Standards.
- (II) Any modification of the standards adopted by the State after December 31, 2009, shall be implemented and enforced by a local jurisdiction no later than 6 months after the modifications are adopted by the Department.

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