

HOUSE BILL 169

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By: **Delegate Afzali**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Plumbing Code – Adoption of International Code Council Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to adopt standards of the
4 International Code Council as part of the State Plumbing Code; requiring the Board
5 to periodically review certain standards of the International Code Council; requiring
6 the Board to amend the State Plumbing Code to incorporate certain standards of the
7 International Code Council for a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or
8 fixture under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to allow the installation
9 of a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture that meets certain
10 standards of the International Code Council under certain circumstances; and
11 generally relating to incorporating International Code Council standards into the
12 State Plumbing Code.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
15 Section 12–205
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

21 12–205.

22 (a) The Board may adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code.

23 (b) (1) The Board may adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code, regulations
24 to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605 and 12–606 of this title.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The Board may adopt standards of the American National Standards
2 Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] nationally recognized
3 organization.

4 (3) The Board shall adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code, regulations
5 to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605.1 and 12–605.2 of this title.

6 (c) (1) At least once a year, the Board shall review:

7 (i) new and existing standards of the American National Standards
8 Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, and any [other] organization listed in
9 the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building Code for water conserving
10 appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures; and

11 (ii) the availability and cost of water conserving appliances, devices,
12 fittings, and fixtures that conform to the standards.

13 (2) If the Board finds that a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or
14 fixture that conforms to the standards of the American National Standards Institute, **THE**
15 **INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] organization listed in the State
16 Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building Code is readily available at reasonable
17 cost, the Board shall amend the State Plumbing Code to:

18 (i) incorporate the standards for and require use of the water
19 conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture; and

20 (ii) require the use of a water supply system and a drainage and
21 venting system that are designed based on the hydraulic requirements of the required
22 water conserving appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures.

23 (3) Notwithstanding the availability and cost of the appliance, device,
24 fitting, or fixture, the Board may allow, under the State Plumbing Code, the installation of
25 a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture that meets the standards of the
26 American National Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any
27 [other] organization listed in the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building
28 Code, subject to the use of a water supply system and a venting and drainage system design
29 based on the hydraulic requirements of the appliance, device, fitting, or fixture.

30 (4) On or before July 1 of each year and subject to § 2–1246 of the State
31 Government Article, the Board shall submit to the General Assembly a written report on
32 the implementation of this subsection, including the results of the review conducted under
33 this subsection.

34 (d) The Board shall:

1 (1) periodically publish an updated version of the State Plumbing Code;
2 and

3 (2) make available on request of any person a copy of the State Plumbing
4 Code for a reasonable fee.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2015.