

# HOUSE BILL 630

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Building Standards – High-Performance Homes**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the Department of Housing and Community  
4 Development, through certain measures, shall encourage the construction of  
5 new residential structures that are high-performance homes; defining a certain  
6 term; and generally relating to green building standards for homes.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 12-502(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 12-502.

16 **(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOME” MEANS A**  
17 **NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE CURRENT**  
18 **VERSION OF:**

19 **(I) THE BRONZE RATING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE**  
20 **COUNCIL’S 700 NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS; OR**

21 **(II) THE SILVER RATING OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING**  
22 **COUNCIL’S LEED (LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN)**  
23 **FOR HOMES RATING SYSTEM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (A),**  
2 **(B), AND (C) OF THIS SECTION AND IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF**  
3 **THIS SUBTITLE RELATING TO BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, THE**  
4 **DEPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE, THROUGH REGULATION, POLICY, OR**  
5 **LEGISLATION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE**  
6 **STATE THAT ARE HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES.**

7                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2011.