

# Chapter 135

(House Bill 630)

AN ACT concerning

## Building Standards – High-Performance Homes

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

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section ~~12-502(d)~~ 12-509

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

### Article – Public Safety

~~12-502.~~ 12-509.

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

~~(1)~~ (1) THE ~~BRONZE~~ SILVER RATING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL’S 700 NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS; OR

~~(1)~~ (2) THE SILVER RATING OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL’S LEED (LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN) FOR HOMES RATING SYSTEM.

~~(2)~~ (B) ~~NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THIS SECTION AND IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE RELATING TO BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, THE~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE, ~~THROUGH REGULATION, POLICY, OR~~

**~~LEGISLATION,~~ THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE STATE THAT ARE HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.**