

HOUSE BILL 769

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Building Performance Standards – Local Wind**
3 **Design and Wind-Borne Debris Standards**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt local amendments to the
5 Maryland Building Performance Standards if the local amendments do not
6 weaken wind design and wind-borne debris provisions contained in the
7 Standards; and generally relating to building performance standards.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 12–504(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 12–504.

17 (a) (1) A local jurisdiction may adopt local amendments to the Standards
18 if the local amendments do not:

19 (i) prohibit the minimum implementation and enforcement
20 activities set forth in § 12–505 of this subtitle;

21 (ii) weaken energy conservation and efficiency provisions
22 contained in the Standards; [or]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection,
2 weaken the automatic fire sprinkler systems provisions for townhouses and one- and
3 two-family dwellings contained in the Standards; **OR**

4 **(IV) WEAKEN WIND DESIGN AND WIND-BORNE DEBRIS**
5 **PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE STANDARDS.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2013.