

## Chapter 537

(House Bill 769)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

#### **Article – Public Safety**

12–504.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**