

Appalachian Housing Fund, the *Home Maintenance and Repair Program*, the *Housing Development Assistance Program*, and the *Neighborhood Housing Services Program*. The Office developed the statewide Minimum Livability Code and administers the *Livability Code Implementation Program*.

To keep local governments and other providers of housing informed about housing matters, the Office publishes a monthly newsletter, *Talk About Housing*. The Office also conducts an applied research and demonstration program to encourage builders to construct energy efficient, affordable housing for low-income families.

OFFICE OF WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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The Office of Weatherization Assistance administers the Weatherization Assistance Program. Formerly under the Department of Human Resources, the Program became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Program funds local, community-based service organizations to help low-income, elderly, and disabled or handicapped persons conserve energy. The Program contracts with seventeen local administering agencies (county governments, community action agencies, offices on aging, nonprofit organizations) to provide weatherization assistance.

For eligible low-income households, the Program provides up to \$1,000 in weatherization materials installed free of charge by certified workers. Eligibility for assistance is determined by family size and income. The major energy conservation measures include insulation, storm windows, weatherstripping, caulking, hot water heater jackets, pipe insulation, and clock thermostats. Recipients stay warmer while spending less money on fuel. The Program promotes community awareness of energy conservation, provides jobs, and stimulates the weatherization industry.

BUILDING CODES ADMINISTRATION

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Within the Division of Community Assistance, the Building Codes Administration (BCA) works with local governments, design professionals, and code inspectors to guarantee that the highest performance standards are met in building construction.

The Building Codes Administration is responsible for enforcement of the Industrialized Building

Code, Mobile Home Construction Standards, the Model Performance Building Code, and the Maryland Building Code for the Handicapped. The Administration also administers the Maryland Safety Glazing Law and Maryland Energy Conservation Building Standards.

Established in 1971, the Industrialized Building Program offers certification standards for any building, building subsystem, or component that is manufactured and assembled off-site (Chapter 662, Acts of 1971). The Program encourages the growth of industrialized building construction by using preemptive uniform statewide codes and standards. Building systems that are certified by the State can be used or erected anywhere in Maryland without having to comply with different local building codes, as long as they comply with local zoning laws. The Building Codes Administration also inspects mobile homes to resolve consumer complaints and enforce the standard of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 6-101, 6-102).

The Model Performance Building Code was adopted in 1971 (Chapter 663, Acts of 1971). The basis of the State's Model Performance Code is the Building Officials and Code Administrators International National Building Code (BOCA). The General Assembly intends for this code eventually to be adopted throughout the State so builders may adapt their construction practices to a single set of modern, performance-oriented standards. Provisions to promote energy conservation in building construction were established by the Maryland Energy Conservation Building Standards Act in 1981 (Code 1957, Art. 78, sec. 54-1).

The Building Codes Administration administers the Safety Glazing Law (Chapter 116, Acts of 1973). The law requires the use of safety glazing in certain locations in new buildings (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 6-301 through 6-306).

Adopted in 1978, the Statewide Building Energy Conservation Standards authorize the Building Codes Administration to develop statewide standards for energy conservation in new buildings (Code 1957, Art. 83B, sec. 6-105).

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