

is substituted for the former reference to "a given subdivision, or subdivisions" for brevity and consistency with subsection (f)(4)(i) of this section.

In subsection (f)(5) of this section, the requirement that the Department "shall train and certify" building code enforcement officials is substituted for the former requirement to "assume the responsibility to train and certify" them for consistency with language used in other revised articles to state a duty or responsibility.

12-202. MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE.

(A) "DEPARTMENT" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(B) ADOPTION.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT BY REGULATION A STATE BUILDING CODE TO MAKE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH:

(I) THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;

(II) THE MARYLAND REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE MARYLAND SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.

(C) ENFORCEMENT.

THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE SHALL BE ENFORCED BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WITH AUTHORITY OVER BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES.

(D) INTERPRETATION; WAIVERS.

THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) SHALL DECIDE QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION OF THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE; AND

(2) MAY AUTHORIZE WAIVERS OR EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE.

(E) INVESTIGATION BY DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INVESTIGATE TO DETERMINE IF A VIOLATION EXISTS.

(F) ACTION BY DEPARTMENT.