

CHAPTER 143

(Senate Bill 300)

AN ACT concerning

Energy Conservation Building Standards

FOR the purpose of continuing the authority of the Department of Economic and Community Development to enforce the Energy Conservation Building Standards Act; repealing the scheduled termination of certain provisions of that Act; and generally relating to the Energy Conservation Building Standards Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 54-I(b)(1), (c)(1), and (h)(3)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

54-I.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a builder of any new building that is completed after July 1, 1982 [and prior to July 1, 1987,] shall certify under oath or affirmation to the electric company designated to provide electric service to the building that the building meets the latest edition of the BOCA Energy Code. However, if the building was designed while the immediately preceding edition of the BOCA Energy Code was in effect and the building was constructed in accordance with the then preceding edition of the BOCA Code, the builder may so certify in order to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an electric company may not provide electric service to any building on which construction is completed after July 1, 1982 [and prior to July 1, 1987,] unless the builder has filed with the company the certificate or waiver that is required under this section.

(h) (3) (i) In any political subdivision which has adopted the BOCA Energy Code, if a builder of a building which is completed after July 1, 1982 [and prior to July 1, 1987] willfully deviates from the approved plans for the building, the builder is liable to the first purchaser who either occupies or rents the building for an amount not to exceed \$2,000 and for the cost of bringing the building into compliance with the BOCA Energy Code. The builder is also liable for the reasonable