Regional Building Energy Code Status

DC

Code change process: Legislative and regulatory

Code type: Residential, commercial, public buildings

Timeline cycle: Every 3 years

Current code: 2012 IECC with Amendments

Effective date: 3/28/2014

Adoption process: Proposed code changes are initiated by the DC Building Code Advisory Committee.

DC Council has final approval.

MARYLAND

Code change process: Regulatory

Code type: Residential, commercial, public buildings

Timeline cycle: Every 3 years

Current Code: 2012 IECC

Effective date: 1/1/2012

Adoption process: The Maryland Building Performance Standards is updated to correspond with the

newest ICC cycle.

The state allows jurisdictions to make local amendments to the code provided the

amendments do not weaken the code.

VIRGINIA

Code change process: Regulatory

Code type: Residential, commercial, public buildings

Timeline cycle: Every 3 years (with at least 1 year phase after new ICC publication year)

Current code: 2012 IECC with Amendments (BHCD/DHCD adopted the 2012 IECC with

amendments effective July 1, 2014 with a one year interim period until effective.)

Effective date: 7/1/2015

Adoption process: The state adopts the ICC approximately 18 months after the ICC publication year.

The VA BHCD has authority to adopt changes to the Unified Statewide Building

Code.

