

- (V) COLUMNS;
- (VI) WALLS AND PARTITIONS;
- (VII) FLOOR SYSTEMS; AND
- (VIII) ROOF FRAMING SYSTEM.

(9) ~~"LOCAL JURISDICTION" MEANS ANY OF THE 23 COUNTIES IN MARYLAND, THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, AND ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN MARYLAND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI E OF THE CONSTITUTION.~~

(10) ~~"MANDATORY HOME IMPROVEMENT WARRANTY SECURITY PLAN" MEANS A HOME IMPROVEMENT WARRANTY SECURITY PLAN THAT REQUIRES THE CONTRACTOR TO ENROLL ALL HOME IMPROVEMENTS PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR.~~

(11) ~~"PLUMBING SYSTEMS" MEANS:~~

- (I) ~~GAS SUPPLY LINES AND FITTINGS;~~
- (II) ~~WATER SUPPLY, WASTE, AND VENT PIPES AND THEIR FITTINGS;~~
- (III) ~~SEPTIC TANKS AND THEIR DRAIN FIELDS; AND~~
- (IV) 1. ~~WATER, GAS, AND SEWER SERVICE PIPING AND THEIR EXTENSIONS TO THE TIE IN OF A PUBLIC UTILITY CONNECTION;~~
~~OR~~
2. ~~ON SITE WELLS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.~~

(12) ~~"SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF LICENSING AND REGULATION OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.~~

(13) (I) ~~"STRUCTURAL DEFECT" MEANS ANY DEFECT IN THE LOAD BEARING PORTIONS OF A HOME THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS ITS LOAD BEARING FUNCTION TO THE EXTENT THAT THE HOME BECOMES OR IS IN SERIOUS DANGER OF BECOMING UNSAFE, UNSANITARY, OR OTHERWISE UNINHABITABLE.~~

(II) ~~"STRUCTURAL DEFECT" INCLUDES DAMAGE DUE TO SUBSIDENCE, EXPANSION, OR LATERAL MOVEMENT OF THE SOIL.~~

(III) ~~"STRUCTURAL DEFECT" DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMAGE CAUSED BY MOVEMENT OF THE SOIL:~~

- 1. ~~RESULTING FROM A FLOOD OR EARTHQUAKE;~~
~~OR~~