

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 REPORT #1

SEVERAL BILLS REINTRODUCED AS NEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS

Not surprisingly, several bills OHBA had been watching in the 133rd general assembly have already been reintroduced for action during the 134th.

HB 68 Contractor Payments (Cross, J., Sweeney, B.)

Requires private owners of construction projects to pay contractors 30 days after receiving a request for payment or 30 days after certain specified work is certified as being in compliance with requirements.

Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in House Commerce & Labor (2/17/2021; CONTINUED)

HB 68 has been referred to the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Residential is exempt in current law and remains exempt in HB 68. OHBA has heard some concerns from small commercial contractors on potential negative impacts of the prior legislation. If there are concerns, OHBA urges contacting either of the bill's sponsors ASAP.

HB 88 Roofing Contractors (Patton, T.)

To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. <u>Text/Analysis</u> Committee Hearing in House <u>Commerce & Labor</u> (2/17/2021)

While HB 88 expressly exempts 1, 2, 3 family construction, under the current OCILB law, OHBA will be monitoring any activity, given several concerns raised particularly with the prohibition on unlicensed subcontractors, as well as, the potential for local jurisdictions to require a roofing license for homebuilders.

HB 107 Elevator Law (Baldridge, B.)

To revise the Elevator Law. <u>Text/Analysis</u> Referred in House (2/17/2021; <u>Commerce & Labor</u>)

OHBA will again work to clarify what types of equipment would need to be exempted to clearly exempt residential elevator contractors from the licensing requirements, or include a simplified registration for certain types of accessibility lift equipment based on feedback from industry members.

<u>SB 24</u> Home Purchases (<u>Gavarone, T., Peterson, B.</u>)

To enact the First-time Home Buyer Savings Act, authorizing income tax deductions for contributions to and earnings on savings accounts designated for the purchase of a home.

Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in Senate Ways & Means (2/17/2021; CONTINUED (No testimony))

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or comments.

NPDES STORMWATER 101 WEBINAR

This webinar will provide an overview of these requirements. Topics will include permit coverage, Notice of Intent and Notice of Termination applications, basic storm water pollution prevention plans, and both active and post-construction requirements. The webinar will be held on March 25th at 10:00 am. Registration can be found at the link below.

Registration (gotowebinar.com)

OHBA SPRING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OHBA Spring Organizational Meeting will be held on March 1-2, 2021 at the Hilton Easton, Columbus. It's not too late to sign-up for the meeting if you have not done so. Ed Brady, of HBI, will be in attendance to talk about and answer any questions regarding educational opportunities that has been approved for Ohio.