



### **MARCH 25, 2021 REPORT #3**

#### ***OHBA TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF HB 201***

Vince Squillace testified on behalf of OHBA in support of HB 201 to prevent local governments from limiting use of natural gas. As one of several groups coming together to oppose the local bans on the use of natural gas, Vince flagged concerns with the added costs homeowners would shoulder if forced to electrify their homes. "If a ban is enacted, hundreds of homeowners will be faced with having to convert existing gas and propane appliances to electric – an expensive venture indeed," Executive Vice President Vince Squillace said. Vince's testimony can be found at the following link at minute 33 of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Hearing of the House Energy Committee. <http://ohiochannel.org/collections/ohio-house-energy-and-natural-resources-committee>

#### ***RESIDENTIAL ROOFING REGISTRATION LEGISLATION***

##### **SB 64 Roofing Contractors ([Hottinger, J.](#), [Lang, G.](#))**

To regulate and require the registration of roofing contractors.

SB 64 had sponsor testimony in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee this week. Prior to the hearing, OHBA met with both sponsors of the bill, as well as, proponents. OHBA is working on language to clarify SB 64 applies strictly to roofing contractors, exempting whole home construction. OHBA asked for an even simpler registration, limiting the bill's application to roofing and siding, gutters, incidental to the roofing contract.

To review more details, SB 64 can be found at the following link [Senate Bill 64 - Documents | The Ohio Legislature](#)

## ***RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR LICENSING REINTRODUCED***

**SB 142 Occupational Regulation ([Schaffer, T.](#))** To license residential heating, ventilating, and conditioning contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing contractor, or hydronics contractors and to make changes to the law regulating specialty construction contractors.

As in the past, OHBA is meeting with the sponsor to express some concerns with the need for clearer language on the potential prohibition on the use of unlicensed subcontractors, as well as, the interaction between contractors local and state licensing requirements. OHBA is interested in hearing from tradespeople impacted by SB 142 for further feedback.

To review more details, a copy of SB 142 can be found at the following link [https://searchprod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general\\_assembly\\_134/bills/sb142/IN/00?format=pdf](https://searchprod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_134/bills/sb142/IN/00?format=pdf)

## ***HB 107 ELEVATOR LAW GETS PROPONENT HEARING***

HB 107 received its second hearing in the House Commerce and Labor Committee this week with proponents of the bill giving testimony. OHBA is meeting with the sponsor and continues to work with several elevator contractors on potential concerns and changes to this bill as it continues to move through the House. A copy of the bill can be found at the following link. [https://searchprod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general\\_assembly\\_134/bills/hb107/IN/00?format=pdf](https://searchprod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_134/bills/hb107/IN/00?format=pdf)

## ***SAVE THE DATE***

### **OHBA Summer Board of Trustees Meeting-**

Date: June 22-23, 2021

Location: Wooster, OH

**Details on this meeting will be coming soon!**