

MARCH 28, 2025 REPORT #2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMMERCIAL ROOFING LICENSING LEGISLATION REINTRODUCED

SB 125 Roofing Licensure has been reintroduced in the 136th General Assembly and had sponsor testimony, by Senator Tom Patton, in the Senate Workforce Development Committee this week. As in prior versions, the bill proposes to extend the current Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB) licensing requirements to commercial roofing contractors. While 'roofing' is not defined, the bill would add commercial roofing contractors to the list of specialty contractors to be licensed under the OCILB. There is an exemption for 1, 2, 3-family dwellings, but otherwise ANY and ALL other structures would be considered commercial and require a licensed roofing contractor to perform the work. Further, the current restrictions on the use of subcontractors versus employees would also apply.

If there are builders and remodelers doing any small commercial projects, or any residential units, above 3-family dwellings, even if using the same shingled roofing as the residential exemption, the roofing contractor will be required to obtain the same license as any other commercial roofing contractor.

The sponsor and committee members contacts and respective districts can be found at the link below. There is a sense of urgency, if you have concerns, as the sponsor is determined and has had movement with prior bills. Contact the members listed below to express your concern with the potential impact of such broad licensing requirements. Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.

https://www.ohiosenate.gov/committees/workforce-development

https://www.ohiosenate.gov/members/thomas-f-patton

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HB 113 Annexation And Property Tax Exemptions Newman, (Bird, A., To modify the law regarding annexation and financial disclosure forms, and to require school district residential approval of community reinvestment area property tax exemptions. Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in House Local Government Committee (3/5/2025)

HB 124 Property Tax (Thomas, D., Hall, T.)

To modify the process for making property tax sales-assessment ratio studies. Committee Hearing in House Local Government Committee (3/19/2025)

HB 154 Community Reinvestment Areas (Thomas, D., Glassburn, C.)

To require school district approval of residential community reinvestment area property tax exemptions.

Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in House Local Government Committee (4/2/2025)

HB 186 School District Revenue (Hoops, J., Thomas, D.)

To authorize a reduction in school district property taxes affected by a millage floor that would limit increases in such taxes according to inflation and to require a corresponding adjustment in the school funding formula.

Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in House Ways & Means Committee (4/2/2025)

SB 6 Building Inspections (Roegner, K.)

To make changes to the law relating to building inspections. <u>Text/Analysis</u> Committee Hearing in House <u>Development Committee</u> (3/26/2025; CONTINUED)

SB 54 Construction Contractors (Schaffer, T.)

To establish a certification for specialty residential construction contractors. <u>Text/Analysis</u> Committee Hearing in Senate Workforce Development (3/25/2025; CONTINUED)

<u>SB 108</u> Submetering (<u>Brenner, A.</u>)

To exempt from regulation as a public utility certain persons or entities providing behind-the-meter utility services and to allow the Public Utilities Commission to register providers of such services. <u>Text/Analysis</u>

Committee Hearing in Senate Public Utilities Committee (3/5/2025; CONTINUED)

<u>SB 147</u> Waste/Debris Disposal (<u>Reineke, B.</u>)

To make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris and to provide for new procedures governing a county's withdrawal from a joint solid waste management district.

Text/Analysis

Committee Hearing in Senate <u>Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</u> (3/25/2025; CONTINUED)