

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
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**ANNEXATION BILL PASSES HOUSE; DISCUSSION TO CONTINUE IN THE
SENATE**

HB 277, making changes to the Type II Annexation statute, passed the House yesterday after being amended by the Sponsor, Rep. Stautberg. He agreed to remove 2 provisions of the bill on the floor before it was voted out of the house: removing provisions on definition of “party” and on the timing of when an owner of a property is determined. OHBA has been following the legislation and will continue to work on remaining concerns as the bill moves to the Senate. The version of the bill passed by the House can be found at the following link. Please contact OHBA with any feedback you may have on the potential impact of the changes.

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText130/130_HB_277_PH_Y.pdf

**HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR SCHEDULED SECOND HEARING ON CONTRACTOR
LICENSING HB 140**

House Commerce and Labor Chair, Rep Ron Young, has indicated he will hold a second hearing on HB 140 Wednesday before the legislature adjourns for the summer recess. There was another recent story coming out of Channel 19 news in Cleveland asking for action on the contractor licensing bill. However, Chairman Young has also indicated he will be putting together an interested party meeting to further discuss the issue.

OHBA has forwarded Rep Young our concern that the bill must establish authority of the licensure identical to other professional licenses with no further local licensing or registration permitted. Second, the makeup of the board should resemble the RCAC and other professional licensing Boards, which are chiefly composed of members of the licensed industry.

The Chair is very interested in our position and will try to accommodate our concerns with the bill’s chief sponsor, Rep. Bill Patmon.

OUPS LEGISLATION UNDER DISCUSSION

OHBA will be part of an interested party meeting next week on potential draft legislation to address enforcement of the Call Before You Dig laws. The most recent discussions with the likely sponsor of the draft indicate the bill will include strict enforcement of the basic requirements of the law, including mandatory membership of all facility owners. Other areas under discussion include the make-up and duties of the enforcement body, as well as, the appeals process. Please feel free to contact OHBA with any feedback or questions.

DISCUSSIONS WITH OEPA ON 10 STATE STANDARDS CONTINUE

OHBA continues to work with developers and engineers to review and propose reasonable changes to the 10 State Recommended Standards for Waterworks referenced in OEPA Administrative rules. The OEPA has indicated it plans to begin the rule review process to update the referenced standard to the most recent 2012 version. OHBA is still interested in comments and concerns on complying with any part of the standard. Both the 2007 Standard currently referenced in the rule, and the proposed 2012 version can be found at the following link. <http://10statesstandards.com/>