

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
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LICENSING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

Representative Patmon introduced HB 140 last week to amend sections 4722.02 and 4745.01 and to enact sections 4785.01 to 4785.17, 4785.20, and 4785.99 of the Revised Code to require licensure of residential construction contractors and to create the Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Licensing Board to regulate the licensure and performance of residential construction contractors. The sponsor did not contact OHBA for input prior to introducing the bill. It seems this is all in response to the recent news channel 19 stories in the Cleveland area. HB 140 has been referred to the House Commerce, Labor and Technology Committee; OHBA has already scheduled a meeting with the Committee Chairman, and made phone calls to the bill's sponsor and co-sponsors. At this point, we are unsure of all the interested parties involved, but we will be working very closely on it. OHBA continues to work with members of the Senate on legislation to include reasonable alternatives, and HB 140 is not a result of our work. At this time, OHBA is unsure of Representative Patmon's motive, as well as, why he has failed to contact OHBA prior to introducing legislation both last session, and currently with HB 140. A copy of the bill has been attached. Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.