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NEW HOME IMPROVEMENT REGISTRATION LAW IMPACTS LOCAL BUILDERS

The Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies will be making information available about the law to help builders understand the new registration process

Johnstown, PA – The Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies is offering its members and other builders in the county an opportunity to learn more about a new law going into effect July 1, 2009, which will require home improvement contractors to register with the state Attorney General’s office to do business in Pennsylvania. An informational session is planned for Monday April 6th at Nyko’s restaurant in Richland.

Contractors doing more than \$5,000 home improvement work annually will receive a registration number that must be displayed on their contracts, promotional materials and business cards. Consumers then will be able to use this number to learn if complaints have been filed against a business and to report any concerns they have with a home improvement project.

In unison with the Pennsylvania Builders Association, the Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies will be working with its members to walk them step-by-step through the state registration process. For instance, the new registration law will require that home improvement contracts include certain critical details. Failure to meet the requirements of the law could lead to investigation and even prosecution by the state Attorney General’s office.

Contractors working in Cambria County who want to be properly prepared for state registration should contact the Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies for more information.

“The new law contains provisions about home improvement contracts, insurance coverage levels, advertising and other components,” stated Denny Squillario, president for the Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies. “Contractors who want to make sure they aren’t violating the new law come July 1 should contact us for assistance. We’ll serve as a comprehensive resource on the registration process for builders throughout the county.”

Consumers wanting to know more about the new are encouraged to contact the state Attorney General's office.

The Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies presentation on the many changes brought by the new home improvement registration law is planned for April 6th 2009 at Nyko's Restaurant in Richland. Registration is required. More information is available by contacting the Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies at 269-9268 or Denny Squillario at 241-9091.

About HBAA

Based in Cambria County, the Home Builders Association of the Alleghenies is a nonprofit professional organization of business people involved in all phases of building and remodeling that strives to provide trusted and quality services to the community and educate our members on industry issues, requirements and resources.

About PBA

Chartered in 1952, the Pennsylvania Builders Association is a nonprofit professional trade organization representing more than 9,000 member-companies from across the commonwealth. PBA members and their 528,000 employees include builders, remodelers, material suppliers, subcontractors, consultants, lending institutions, utilities and others involved in the housing industry.

PBA serves its membership by providing proactive leadership on state regulatory and legislative issues and by offering products and services to its 40 local associations and chapters that enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of its members. PBA serves Pennsylvania communities and consumers through its steadfast efforts to protect homeownership rights and advocate for affordable housing options. PBA is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.]

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