

Old Political Adage

"If you are not at the table, you will probably be on the menu."

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Michigan State Capitol



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Four Branches of State Government

-  Executive Branch (Governor)
-  Judicial Branch (Courts)
-  Legislative Branch (Senate & House)
-  Tribal Government (Indian Tribes)

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Judicial Branch

-  The Michigan Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals
- Circuit Court
- District Court
- Municipal Court
- Probate Court

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Executive Branch
(18 State Departments)



- Agriculture and Rural Development**
- Attorney General**
- Civil Rights**
- Civil Service Commission**
- Corrections**
- Education**
- Environmental Quality**
- Health and Human Services**
- Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS)**

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Executive Branch (Continued)



- Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**
- Military and Veterans Affairs**
- Natural Resources (DNR)**
- Secretary of State**
- State Police**
- Talent and Economic Development**
- Technology, Management and Budget**
- Transportation**
- Treasury**

18 State Departments

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Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Agencies, Bureaus & Commissions (19)

- Middle Eastern American Affairs Commission
- Bureau of Community and Health Systems
- **Bureau of Construction Codes (12 Divisions)**
- Bureau of Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing
- Employment Relations Commission
- Bureau of Fire Services
- Hispanic/Latino Commission
- Michigan Liquor Control Commission
- Marijuana Regulation
- Michigan Administrative Hearing System
- Michigan Agency for Energy
- Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission
- Indigent Defense Commission
- Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA)
- Michigan Office for New Americans
- Michigan Public Service Commission
- **Bureau of Professional Licensing (15 Occupations)**
- Bureau of Services for Blind Persons
- Workers' Compensation Agency

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Bureau of Construction Codes (12 Divisions)

- Administrative Services Division
- Boiler Division
- Building Division
- Complaints Division
- Electrical Division
- Elevator Safety Division
- Licensing Division
- Mechanical Division
- Office of Administrative Services
- Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
- Plan Review Division
- Plumbing Division

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Bureau of Professional Licensing (15 Occupations)

- Accountancy
- Appraisal Management Company (AMCs)
- Appraisers, Real Estate
- Architects
- Barbers
- Builders, Residential
- Collection Agencies
- Cosmetology
- Engineers, Professional
- Foresters
- Hearing Aid Dealers
- Landscape Architects
- Personnel Agencies
- Real Estate Broker/Salesperson
- Surveyors, Professional

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**Tribal Governments
(12 Indian Tribes)**



- Bay Mills Chippewa Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
- Huron Potawatomi-Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

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**Legislative Branch
Bicameral Body (2 Chambers)**



The Senate - 38 Members

- Average 238,000 People Per District
- Maximum Two Four-Year Terms (8 Years)

The House of Representatives - 110 Members

- Average 84,000 People Per District
- Maximum Three Two-Year Terms (6 Years)

Note: Term Limits Effective In 1994

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Senate (38 Districts)



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House (110 Districts)

2022 Michigan State House Districts (Hickory)

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Senate District 6 – Mary Cavanagh

Linden Senate District 6, Michigan

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House District 17 – Laurie Pohutsky

Hickory House District 17, Michigan

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Legislators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909
January 13, 2025
18 Representatives, 12 Democrats
Floor Open, 9:00
375-3216

SENATE
State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909
January 13, 2025
10 Democrats, 10 Republicans, 1 Vacancy
Floor Open, 9:00
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Senate & House Standing Committees – Partial List

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES	HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES
<p>CIVIL RIGHTS, JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY (S2): 373-6312 Chang, Shinn, Irwin, Santana, Wojno, Rowland, Johnson, R.</p> <p>ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (S2): 373-1721 McMorrow, Cavonius, Cherry, Gaska, McDonald, Rivet, Mook, Potluszki, Victory, Lindsay, Walker</p> <p>NATURAL RESOURCES & AGRICULTURE (S2): 373-1721 Shank, Cherry, Potluszki, Singh, Daley, Halenga, Victory</p> <p>REGULATORY AFFAIRS (S2): 373-1721 Mook, Potluszki, Hester, K., McCann, Santana, Wojno, Hester, Bidlo, Lasowski, Walker</p>	<p>AGRICULTURE (H): 373-0127 Miller, Peiz, Coffa, Diaversi, Fitzgerald, Rhinegans, Stone, Young, Meyer, Benches, Rob, Sant, VandenVliet</p> <p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SMALL BUSINESS (H): 373-1350 Haskins, Grant, Coffa, Farnut, Liberali, Miller, Hestley, Whitsett, Tinkler, Martin, Roth, St, Gormache, VanWeselum</p> <p>JUDICIARY (H): 373-6176 Brens, Edwards, Aulet, Carter, T., Diaversi, Hope, Haskins, Teemoglu, Puk, J, Anderson, Oshman, P., VandenVliet, VandenVliet</p> <p>REGULATORY REFORM (H): 373-6024 Carter, T., Liberman, Grant, McFall, Hestley, Scott, Stryker, Wilson, Young, Mueller, Anderson, Decker, Pfen, Nease, Westcott</p>

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Advocacy (Individual or Group)

- Determine legislative committee that would hear/vote on legislation affecting group
- Determine key legislators (Committee chair, committee members, leadership)
- Obtain list of group members in key legislator's district
- Attend Committee Public Hearings and give testimony (individually or group)
- Write/email Groups position on Legislation (Support or Oppose)
- Have members contact/develop a relationship with key legislators
- Interact with key legislators (monthly get together in district)
- Get on emailing notice list of key committees
- Get on emailing list of legislators for regular newsletters
- Interact with legislator
- Reply to "Action Alerts"

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Bill Process

1. Bill sent to House or Senate
2. Starts in House or Senate
 - A. Referred to one of standing committees
 - B. Committee chair calls for hearing
 - C. Committee public hearing
 - D. Reported out: move to full chamber
 - E. Leader of chamber calls for a vote
 - F. Full chamber floor vote
 - G. Passed: moves to other chambers & referred to one of standing committees
3. Sent to opposite House or Senate
 - A. Referred to one of standing committees
 - B. Committee chair calls for hearing
 - C. Committee public hearing
 - D. Reported out: move to full chamber
 - E. Leader of chamber calls for a vote
 - F. Full chamber floor vote
 - G. Passed: moves to other chambers & referred to one of standing committees
4. Goes to Governor (Action: Signed or Vetoes)
 - A. Signed: Public Act number given and becomes law
 - or
 - B. Vetoes: 2/3 of Legislators required to over turn Veto
 - C. If not signed by Governor by December 31st at end of 2nd year - bill dies.

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Requires Bidding Plastic Pipes for Underground Utilities

SENATE BILL No. 157

February 14, 2011. Introduced by Senators KINIS, ANANICH, MARLEAU, ROBERTSON, CYBUREK, HELGONBLAND, IRWIN, CONYERS, STAMAS, MACGREGOR, CYBUREK, SHIRKEY, BIEDA, GREEN, SCHUTZMAKER, KNEZEK and KUMHOFY and referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

A bill to require contracts for certain public works projects to have certain provisions; to require competition for the use of supply of certain materials and products on certain public works projects; to impose certain conditions and provide for certain exceptions; and to impose certain powers and duties on certain public utilities and certain state and local officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "public works quality materials procurement act".
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4 Sec. 2: As used in this act:
5 (a) "pipe and piping materials" means pipe and piping
6 materials used to transport drinking water and wastewater.
7 (b) "public utility" means this state or an agency or authority
8 of this state, school district, community college district.

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**Previous Legislation – Passed Senate May 29, 2018
Sent to House Cmte - Died in Cmte**

Increase Fire Service Rep's on Construction Code Commission & Committees

SENATE BILL No. 279

March 28, 2017. Introduced by Senators STAMAS, WILDA, IRWIN, JONES, ROCCA, MARLEAU, HANSEN, JORN and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Male single state construction code act," by amending section 3a (MCL 325.1393a), as amended by 2006 PA 192.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3a. (1) The state construction code commission is created
2 IN THE DEPARTMENT and consists of the ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
3 (A) The state fire marshal or an employee of the bureau of
4 fire services created in section 1b of the fire protection code,
5 1941 PA 287, MCL 29.1b, WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A FIRE PROTECTION
6 SPECIALIST OR AS A FIRE INSPECTOR AND PLANS EXAMINER BY THE
7 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND IS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE
8 fire marshal, and
9 (B) FOR EACH OF THE BOARDS, a designer of the subcategory of
10 the categories from design-based, the electrical-administrative-based,
11 the state-plumbing-board, and the board of mechanical-plumbing

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Allow Design-Builder School Construction

SENATE BILL No. 373

May 16, 2017. Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 306, entitled "An act to promote the safety, welfare, and educational interests of the people of the state of Michigan by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of certain public or private school buildings or additions to such buildings, by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of buildings leased or acquired for school purposes, and to define the class of buildings affected by this act, to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal acts and parts of acts,

1 by amending sections 1, 1a, and 2 (MCL 384.311, 384.314, and
2 384.352), section 1 as amended by 2004 PA 110 and section 2 as
3 amended by 2002 PA 627.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a school
2 building, public or private, or any addition to a school building,
3 shall not be erected, remodeled, or reconstructed in this state

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

**Exempt Shop Drawings for Fire Alarm System ...
not require architect/engineer**

SENATE BILL No. 577

October 31, 2015. Introduced by Senator DOORER and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Male single state construction code act," by amending section 15 (MCL 325.2120), as amended by 2013 PA 129.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 15. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the code, before
2 construction of a building or structure, the owner, by the owner's
3 architect, architect-engineer, engineer, or agent, shall submit an application
4 in writing to the appropriate enforcing agency for a building
5 permit. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the
6 commission and shall be accompanied by payment of the fee
7 established by the enforcing agency. The application shall contain
8 and be submitted with all of the following:
9 (A) A detailed statement in writing, verified by affidavit of

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Prohibits the use of Coal Tar Pavement

HOUSE BILL No. 4309

March 7, 2017. Introduced by Reps. Pappas, Kivela, Chang, Herod, Chalko, Robinson, Grogg, Etkin, Handley, Gatta, Fain, Givis and Elker and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 451, entitled "National environmental and sociochemical protection act," by adding part 149.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 149. COAL TAR PRODUCTS

2 SEC. 14901. AS USED IN THIS PART:

3 (A) "COAL TAR SEALANT" MEANS A SURFACE-APPLIED PRODUCT
4 CONTAINING COAL TAR, COAL TAR BITCH, COAL TAR BITCH VOLATILES, WE-
5 12, REFINED TAR, OR ANY VARIATION OF THOSE SUBSTANCES ASSIGNED THE
6 CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS) NUMBERS 65996-92-1, 65996-93-2,
7 65996-89-6, AND 6007-45-2 OR RELATED SUBSTANCES CONTAINING MORE
8 THAN 0.1% POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAHs) BY WEIGHT.
9 (B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
10 QUALITY.
11 (C) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR HIS OR

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Creates the Local Government Professional Service Act (QBS).

HOUSE BILL No. 4447

March 30, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kowalewski and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to create the local government professional services selection act to provide the procedure for procuring architectural services, engineering services, and land surveying services by local governmental units to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officers and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "local
2 government professional services selection act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Architectural services" means the practice of
5 architecture as that term is defined in section 2001 of the
6 occupational code, 1946 PA 339, ICL 339.2001.

7 (b) "Engineering services" means the practice of professional
8 engineering as that term is defined in section 2001 of the

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Previous Legislation – Passed House Died in Senate Cmte

Install Warning Symbol on Buildings construction of "Lightweight Construction"

HOUSE BILL No. 5121

December 8, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Cox and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 230, entitled "Single-Story Residential Single-Story Residential Construction Code Act," by amending section 10 (MCL 125.1510), as amended by 2014 PA 409.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 10. (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL REGULATE SUCH THAT

2 ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A

3 SYMBOL ON EACH APPLICABLE BUILDING WITH LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION

4 PERMITTED BY THIS ACT TO WARN INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIRE

5 SUPPRESSION OR OTHER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT

6 CONSTRUCTION. THE RULES MUST BE REGULATED PURSUANT TO THE

7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 368, ICL 24.268 TO

8 24.339, BY 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

9 (2) THE BOARD UNDER JURISDICTION (1) SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT

10 BE LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Exempt "Hoop House" (Structure used for growing seasonal plants – no foundation, no impermeable floor) from Building Code

HOUSE BILL No. 5130

December 9, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Zimka, Kelly, Pitt, Travis, Townsend, Daniels, Ruppel, Feltz, Jason Miles, Phoenix, Saylor, Young, Mathison, Harko, McPherson, Lewis, Adams, Deibel, Winkler, and Cox and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 230, entitled "Single-Story Residential Single-Story Residential Construction Code Act," by amending section 10 and 10 (MCL 125.1510 and 125.1510), as amended by 2014 PA 409.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10. (1) As used in this act:

2 (a) "Agricultural or horticultural purposes" means all, or

3 pertaining to, an unenclosed walk, or structure in agriculture or

4 horticulture that is characterized by the use of a framework of poles, posts, or other structural members for the production of crops for the use of

5 animals or humans, and includes, but is not limited to, purposes

6 related to horticulture, farming, raising, producing, maintaining,

7 floriculture, ornamental, and animal and poultry husbandry;

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Exempt Agriculture Barns with "Events" from Building Code Compliance

SENATE BILL NO. 42

January 28, 2021, Introduced by Senator VICTORY and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 230, entitled "Single-Story Residential Single-Story Residential Construction Code Act," by amending section 10 (MCL 125.1510), as amended by 2014 PA 409.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the code, before

2 construction of a building or structure, the owner, or the owner's

3 builder, architect, engineer, or agent, shall submit an application

4 in writing to the appropriate enforcing agency for a building

5 permit. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the

6 commission and shall be accompanied by payment of the fee

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Advisory Committees All Codes

SENATE BILL NO. 363

April 11, 2021. Introduced by Senator DALEY, BROWN, BRUNN, SANTANA, CHANG, WINDO, GENS, VICTORY, BAYTE, MOSS, POLEDANSKI, IRWIN, ALEXANDER, BULLOCK, HOLLIER and SCHEIDT and referred to the Committee on Economic and Small Business Development.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Prille-DeRossett-Male single state construction code act," by amending section 4 (MCL 125.1504), as amended by 2012 PA 504.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) The director shall prepare and promulgate the
 2 state construction code consisting of rules governing the
 3 construction, use, and occupation of buildings and structures,
 4 including land area incidental to the buildings and structures, the
 5 manufacture and installation of building components and equipment.

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**Previous Legislation – Passed House Oct 27, 2021
Died in Senate Cmte**

Short Term Residential Rental Properties

HOUSE BILL NO. 4722

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled "Michigan zoning enabling act," MCL 125.1001 to 125.17027 by adding section 2006.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 204b. (1) For the purposes of zoning, all of the
 2 following apply to the rental of a dwelling, including, but not
 3 limited to, short-term rental:
 4 (a) It is a residential use of property and a permitted use in
 5 all residential zones.
 6 (b) It is not subject to a special use or conditional use
 7 permit or procedure different from those required for other
 8 dwellings in the same zone.
 9 (c) It is not a commercial use of property.

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**Previous Legislation – Passed House May 5, 2022
Died in Senate Cmte**

Allow Design-Builder School Construction

HOUSE BILL NO. 5538

A bill to amend 1937 PA 304, entitled "An act to promote the safety, welfare, and educational interests of the people of this state by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, certain public or private school buildings or additions to those buildings and by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, buildings leased or acquired for school purposes; to define the class of buildings affected by this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 1a, and 2 (MCL 305.851, 305.851a, and 305.852), section 1 as amended by 2004 PA 519 and section 2 as amended by 2002 PA 627.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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Previous Legislation – Died in Cmte

Exempt "Igloo" Structures at Food Service Establishments from Minimum Ceiling Heights Required by Code.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5587

December 01, 2021. Introduced by Rep. Haack and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Prille-DeRossett-Male single state construction code act," (MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531) by adding section 12b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 12b. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act
 2 or the code, an interior space intended for human occupancy that is
 3 constructed for use as an igloo at a food service establishment is
 4 exempt from the minimum ceiling heights requirements provided by
 5 this act or the code.

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Recent Barn Usage Village of Galien, MI - 2015 to 2018

Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
 Bureau of Construction Codes
 Keith E. Lambert, P.S., Director
 Instructor #2183

Unlawful Occupancy
 BCC Course #CP-18-00057

2 Hours - Specialty

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Harbor Banks Winery Barn – Village of Galien, MI.



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Harbor Banks Winery Barn – Village of Galien, MI.

- Original building dates back to late 1800's
- June 2016 Village requests states assistance for Plan review & inspections
- July 2016 Stop Work Order issued (no drawings or permits)
- October 2016 Village concerned with "safety" weddings in progress
- January 2017 – 19 Building Code and 6 Plumbing Code violations
- March 2017 – 36 Plan review comments
- June 2017 – Wedding attendee concerned about safety & welfare
- July 2017 – 15 Building Code and 2 Plumbing Code violations
- Concerns 30 weddings scheduled 2017 & 2018
- September 2017 State issues Order to Stop Construction & Cease Operations
- Note: Owner/Contractors never obtained permits
- October 2017 Judge issues Temporary Restraining Order
- October 7, 2017 Inspector documents Wedding in Building
- November 2017 Owner cancelled all events
- February 12, 2018 Judge entered and Order Granting Permanent Injunction

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Recently Passed Legislation

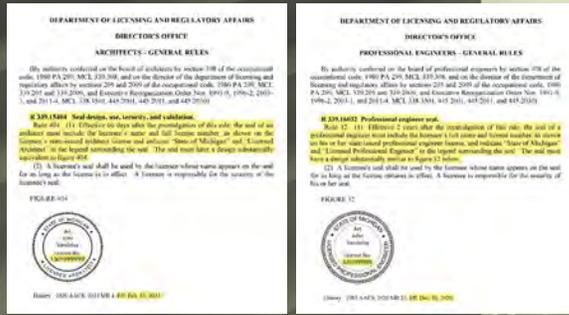
- Electronic Seal & Signatures
- Occupations: waive fees ..served in Armed Forces (Honorable Discharge)
- Building Officials/Inspectors/Plan Reviewers – Commission may revoke or suspend the registration ... if sufficient evidence showing individual has violated this act.
- Rule Change: Architects Seal w/ All 10 Digits May 4, 2018 (Not 5)

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Sign & 10-Digit Architects & Professional Engineers General Rules



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Architects Seal



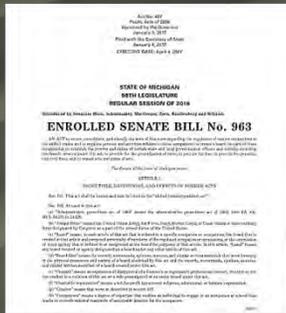
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Recently Passed Legislation 2017

SB: 963 (P.A. 407)
New Skilled Trades Statute; All trades licensed by BCC in one statute like Occupational Code.



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Recently Passed Legislation 2018

HB: 5955 (P.A. 493)
Local Government Shall not Impose Additional Licensing Requirements unless Has Licensing Requirements



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Expected Future Legislation

- LLC – Change to require listing all members
- Proposed: Article 20, Section 2011 (2) Exemptions: Increase Public Works Exemption from \$15,000 to \$75,000

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2021 Michigan Building Code

**SECTION 107
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

107.1 Submittal documents. Construction documents, special inspection and structural programs and other data shall be submitted in 1 or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents shall be prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, a registered design professional when required by 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.101 to 339.2919. Where special conditions exist, the building official is authorized to require additional construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.

R 408.30405

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2021 Michigan Building Code

[A] 107.2 Construction documents. *Construction documents* shall be in accordance with Sections 107.2.1 through 107.2.8.

[A] 107.2.1 Information on construction documents. *Construction documents* shall be dimensioned and drawn on suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *building official*. *Construction documents* shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code and relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as determined by the *building official*.

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DEFINITIONS

REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL. "Registered design professional" means an individual who is licensed under the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.101 to 339.2677.

R 408.30415a

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2015 Michigan Residential Code

**SECTION R106
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

R106.1 Submittal documents. Construction documents, special inspection and structural program and other data shall be submitted in 1 or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a registered design professional when required by 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.101 to 339.2919, and known as the Michigan occupational code. Where special conditions exist, the building official may require additional construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.

R 408.30506

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Occupational Code (Excerpt)

OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 299 of 1980
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Occupational Code (Excerpt)

339.2001 Definitions.
Sec. 2001. As uses in this article:

(d) "Person in responsible charge" means a person licensed under this article who determines technical questions of design and policy; advises the client; supervises and is responsible charge of the work of subordinates; is the person whose professional skill and judgment are embodied in the plans, designs, plats, surveys and advice involved in the services; and who supervises the review of material and completes phases of construction.

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Occupational Code (Excerpt)

339.207 Seal; signature.
 Sec. 2007. (1) When he or she is licensed, a licensee shall obtain or adopt a seal, in a form authorized by "licensed professional engineer", or "licensed professional surveyor". However, a seal that exist on September 1, 1992 and bears the legend "registered architect", "registered professional engineer", "registered land surveyor", or "licensed land surveyor" is acceptable if a seal is required understate law.
 (2) A licensee shall apply his or her seal and signature to a plan, specification, plat or report that is issued by the licensee and filled with a public authority. If the license of the licensee named on a document has expired or is suspended or revoked, a person shall not apply the licensee's seal or signature to the document unless the license is renewed, reinstated or reissued.
 (3) As used in this section and section 2008:
 (a) "Electronic seal" means a seal created by electronic or optical means and affixed electronically to a document or electronic document with intent to sign the document.
 (b) "Electronic Signature means a signature created by electronic or optical means and affixed electronically to a document or electronic document with intent to sign the document.
 (c) "Seal" includes an electronic signature.
 (d) "Signature" includes an electronic signature.
 History: 1980, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 21, 1980; - Am. 1992, Act 103, Eff. Sept. 1, 1992; - Am. 2013, Act 178, Eff. Feb. 25, 2014
 Popular name: Act 299

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339.2008 Sealing documents requiring governmental agency approval or record; projects involving overlapping of architecture and engineering professions; sealing documents not prepared by licensee prohibited.
 Sec. 2008. (1) A plan, plat, drawing, map and title sheet of specifications, an addendum, bulletin, or report or, if a bound copy is submitted to a governmental agency for approval or record, shall carry the embossed, printed or electronic seal of the person in responsible charge.
 (2) If overlapping of the professions of architecture and engineering is involved in a project, a licensed architect or licensed professional engineer who seals the plans, drawings, specifications, and reports may perform services in the field of the other practice if the services are incidental to the architectural or engineering project as a whole.
 (3) A license shall not seal a plan, drawing, map, plat, report, specification, or other document that is not prepared by the licensee or under the supervision of the licensee as the person in responsible charge.
 History: 1980, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 21, 1980; - Am. 2013, Act 178, Eff. Feb. 25, 2014.
 Popular name: Act 299

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339.2011 Construction of public work involving architecture or professional engineering; requirements; exception.
 Sec. 2011 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the state or county, city, township, village, school district or other political subdivision of this state shall not engage in the construction of public work involving the practice of architecture or professional engineering unless all of the following requirements are met:
 (a) The plans and specifications and estimates have been prepared by a licensed architect or licensed professional engineer.
 (b) The review of the materials used and completed phases of construction is made under the direct supervision of a licensed architect or licensed professional engineer.
 (c) Each survey of land on which the public work has been or is to be constructed is made under the supervision of a licensed professional surveyor.
 (2) This section does not apply to a public work for which the contemplated expenditure for the completed project is less than \$15000.00

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339.2012 Persons exempted.
 Sec. 2012. (1) The following persons are exempt from the requirements of this article:
 (a) A professional engineer employed by a railroad or other interstate corporation, whose employment and practice is confined to the property of the corporation.
 (b) A designer of a manufactured product, if the manufacturer of the product assumes responsibility for the quality of the product.
 (c) An owner doing architectural, engineering, or surveying work upon or in connection with the construction of a building on the owner's property for the owner's own use to which employees and the public are not generally to have access.
 (d) A person not licensed under this article who is planning, designing, or directing the construction of a detached 1-and 2-family residence building not exceeding 3,500 square feet in calculated floor area. For purpose of this subdivision, detached 1-and 2- family residence building does not include an adult foster care home licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737.
 (e) A person who is licensed to engage in the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or professional surveying in another state while temporarily in this state a proposal for services.
 (2) As used in this section:
 (a) "Calculated floor area" means that portion of the total gross area measured to the outside surfaces of exterior walls intended to be habitable space.
 (b) "Habitable space" means space in a building used for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking. Habitable space does not include a heater or utility room, a crawl space, a basement an attic, a garage, an open porch, a balcony, terrace, a court, a deck, a bathroom, a toilet room, a closet, a hallway, a storage space, and other similar spaces not used for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking.

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339.2014 Prohibited conduct, penalties.
 Sec. 2014. A person is subject to the penalties set forth in article 6 who commits 1 of the following:

- (a) Uses the term "architect", "professional engineer", "land surveyor", or a similar term in connection with the person's name unless the person is licensed in the appropriate practice under this article.
- (b) Presents or attempts to use as the person's own the license or seal of another.
- (c) Attempts to use an expired, suspended, or revoked license.
- (d) Uses the words "architecture", "professional engineering", "land surveying", "professional surveying", or a similar term in a firm name without authorization by the appropriate board.
- (e) Submits to a public official of this state or a political subdivision of this state for approval, a permit or a plan for filing as a public record, a specification, a report, or a land survey that does not bear 1 or more seals of a license as required by this article. This subdivision does not apply to a public work costing less than \$15,000.00 or a residential building containing not more than 3,500 square feet of calculated floor area. As used in this subdivision, "calculated floor area" means that term as defined in section 2012(2)(a).

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Old Political Adage

"If you are not at the table, you will probably be on the menu."

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