

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BRIEF

Week ending February 12, 2021

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2021 KEY LEGISLATION TRACKER

WEEKLY SESSION SUMMARY

Bills Reviewed: 230

Positions: 133

Testimony Submitted: 81

★ SUCCESS STORY

Win for Affordable Housing in Howard County

HO.CO 12-20 (Howard County- Fee-in-Lieu of Moderate-Income Housing Units- Prohibition) was defeated by the Howard County State Delegation. This bill would have prohibited the use of Fee-in-lieu payments from a developer instead of providing moderate income housing units. The fee-in-lieu program has a successful track record for significantly increasing the availability of housing units in Howard County and it is the largest dedicated income stream for affordable housing in Howard County. By not moving forward with this legislation, the delegation has preserved a revenue source that makes a critical difference in providing housing for Howard County's most vulnerable community members.

Who Do you Know? ▶ *Become a Key Contact*

MBIA is asking for your help to build our coalition of industry professionals working toward fair and reasonable housing policies in Maryland. Tell us if you know a Federal, State or local legislator and how you know them. In the future, we may call on you to introduce us to that legislator. This makes a big difference when important legislation effecting the building industry comes our way.

House overrides Hogan's Vetoes ▶

The Maryland General Assembly is poised this week to override the vetoes of several landmark bills that Gov. Larry Hogan issued last year.

MBIA 2021 Priority Issues

Housing Affordability
Workforce Development
Transportation/Infrastructure

Business Climate
Electrification of Homes
Taxes



ADVOCACY BY COUNTY

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore County
Baltimore City
Carroll County
Charles County
Eastern Shore
Howard County
Montgomery County
Prince George's County
Southern Maryland
Upper Chesapeake
Washington DC



GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

Join MBIA in our advocacy efforts by becoming part of our grassroots campaigns to support the home building industry.
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PACS

The MBIA Political Action Committees are organized for the purpose of raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates. The MBIA has 10 independent PACs. One for the support of State Legislators and nine PACs are for the support of local elected officials who also have views like ours.



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