



# MBOA News

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The latest news and announcements from MBOA

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## Annual Business Meeting:

On December 2024, MBOA held our annual business meeting, lunch and a Battery Energy Storage System Symposium. MBOA welcomed several speakers from the Society of Fire Protection Engineers who provided several short presentations followed by an engaging round table discussion on the topic of battery energy storage

systems. We appreciated the support and great attendance at this event!

Special thank you to Mark Hopkins and SFPE for coordinating this Symposium!

**Annual Awards** were also presented at ABM. The award recipients are as follows:

**Permit Technician of the Year:** Tasha Shifflett, Washington County

**Plan Reviewer of the Year:** Steve Bailey, Carroll County

**Inspector of the Year:** John Sullivan, Howard County

**President's Awards:** Rob Emard, State of Maryland and Debbie Whalen, Howard County

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

## 2025 Updates

MBOA is pleased to continue offering a wide variety of training and opportunities for all code professionals! Our next class will be Legal Aspects of Code Enforcement held on **March 13, 2025**, please be on the lookout for the flyer via email. We will also host classes on the 2024 I-Codes later this year.

MBOA is also the current chair of ICC Region VII. The Region will meet virtually in April and August with an in-person meeting at the ICC ABM in Cleveland. We look forward to increasing Regional attendance and engagement. Please email Sydonia Garrott at [sgarrott@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:sgarrott@howardcountymd.gov) if you are interested in participating in ICC Region VII meetings!

Our Permit Technician Committee continues to meet and discuss topics affecting Permit Technicians throughout the state. If you would like to join the committee, please email Debbie Whalen at [dwhalen@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dwhalen@howardcountymd.gov).

## Upcoming Permit Tech Training through PermitTechNation:

The Complete Permit Technician Webinar - May 6-8, 2025. Check PTN website for details.



## ICC Updates

Leadership  
Conference and  
Group B Code  
Change Hearings are  
April 26-May 6 in  
Orlando, Florida

Visit  
<https://www.iccsafe.org/> for information  
on upcoming events  
and resources  
available



## State of Maryland Updates

The State will begin the 2024 Code adoption process later this year. For updates from the State, please sign up for the State newsletter at the bottom of this page - <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/build/>

Our Industrialized/Manufactured Housing webpages are being updated. We have added links to show the modular units under review and the modular units that have deviations.

We have also added an FAQ page and are updating it often.

## Important Legislature

This is a list of the bills that MBOA is tracking:

Senate Bill 96 - Environment - Water Bottle Filling Stations - Requirement

Senate Bill 175/House Bill 222 - Public Safety - Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems - Requirements and Prohibitions

House Bill 212 - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards

House Bill 489 - MD Labor - Study on Building Code Requirements for Single-Staircase Buildings

Senate Bill 779 - Climate Solutions Now Act Affordability Act

Senate Bill 804/House Bill 973 - Maryland Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)

Senate Bill 807 - Environment - Local Building Energy Performance Standards - Authorization

Senate Bill 856 - Mold - Landlord Requirements and Regulations (Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act)