

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

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OHIOANS PROTECTING OHIOANS URGENT HEALTH ADVISORY:

Governor DeWine released details of the new "Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory" which replaces the Stay Safe Ohio order that was issued by the Ohio Department of Health on April 30, 2020.

The health order replaces language requiring Ohioans to stay at home with limited exceptions with language that strongly recommends that citizens, especially those who are high-risk, stay at home as much as possible. The order does not change the mass gathering restrictions, which remain at a 10-person limit.

The new health advisory also lifts overall travel restrictions and the requirement to quarantine if someone travels to or returns to Ohio. Unnecessary travel within or outside of Ohio is not encouraged.

In addition, those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not recovered, those who are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, and those who are exhibiting the symptoms identified in the screening guidance available from the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health, remain prohibited from entering the state of Ohio unless they are doing so under medical orders for purposes of medical care, are being transported by emergency medical services EMS, are driving or being driven directly to a medical provider for the purposes of initial care, or are a permanent resident of Ohio.

SB 212 RECEIVES SPONSOR TESTIMONY IN HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SB 212 PROPERTY TAXATION (Schuring, K.) To authorize townships and municipal corporations to designate areas within which new homes and improvements to existing homes are wholly or partially exempted from property taxation.

On Tuesday, sponsor, Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said his plan grants permissive authority to townships and municipalities to create Neighborhood Development Areas if they will serve the public purpose of encouraging affordable housing development.

Chair of the Ways and Means Committee [Rep. Derek Merrin](#) (R-Monclova) said he shares the sponsor's passion about the lack of affordable housing and applauded the goal of granting municipalities more flexibility to address the issue.

The sponsor remains in constant contact with OHBA, as SB 212 moves through the process, and has been an ongoing proponent of housing and previous tax legislation (HB 149). It is likely OHBA will offer proponent testimony when it is scheduled.

If you are interested in viewing the sponsor testimony or future hearings of the House Ways and Means Committee, they can be accessed at the link below. Further, if you know any of the members of the House committee (also listed below), feel free to contact and offer your support.

<https://ohiochannel.org/collections/ohio-house-ways-and-means-committee>

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CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT LEGISLATION THOUGHT TO BOOST ECONOMY

HB 380 (2019-2020) **CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS** (Cross, J., Sweeney, B.) To require owners of construction projects to pay a contractor within thirty-five days of receiving a request for payment. Am. 4113.61

OHBA has been monitoring HB 380 which would apply payment provisions similar to current public construction law to private commercial construction. Although 1,2,3 family construction is already exempt, OHBA received questions and possible concerns at its Spring meeting, which it passed along to the sponsor prior to the COVID shutdowns. Recently, testimony has been offered and further hearings on the bill continue, touting HB 380 as part of the economic recovery. OHBA has been in touch with the sponsor, Chairwoman and interested parties to remedy concerns.

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or concerns at (614)228-6647