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Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



Michigan Court of Appeals to hold oral arguments on July 11, 2018, regarding whether or not the Michigan Residential Code (MRC) should uniformly apply throughout the State.

Message from

**President
Bill Krestakos**



Hello MIACCA Members:

I trust that you are all having a very productive summer thus far. Of course we all recognize the importance of proper permits as we perform our duties at our various sites.

What are permits for? A permit helps assure a safe and proper installation in accordance with the minimum standards set forth in the applicable Michigan code. When a permit is issued, an

On July 11, 2018, the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) will hear oral arguments and consider MIACCA's arguments as to whether or not the [Single State Construction Code Act \(SSCCA\)](#) requires that the MRC must be applied uniformly throughout the state and that local inspectors are not authorized to add or go beyond the code. Additionally the COA is being asked to decide whether or not the SSCCA requires that both the local construction board of appeals and the Construction Code Commission must timely hear all appeals within 30 days, and that the Bureau of Construction Codes cannot delay an appeal with administrative procedures.

MIACCA filed comments regarding the proposed new Skilled Trades Regulation Act (STRA) Rules

MIACCA submitted comments to the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) on the [proposed its STRA ruleset](#). In its comments MIACCA advocated for continuing Rule R 338.903(1) that requires a mechanical licensee applicants to provide a notarized signature to validate the [STRA](#) required work experience. The BCC is purporting that the STRA does not authorize this while at the same time proposing a rule to require all license numbers be included on all printed advertising.

MIACCA submitted comments on the new Code of Conduct Rules being proposed by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

MIACCA submitted public comments in MPSC docket number [U-18361](#) in general support the proposed code of conduct but asked that it be improved in a couple of areas. MIACCA asked that the new code of conduct include a MPSC definition of what constitutes "unduly restraining trade or competition in an unregulated market" when an utility offers value added programs and or services (VAPS) as authorized by [MCL 460.10ee](#) with conditions. Additionally MIACCA asked that the Code of Conduct make it clear that whichever utility provides services to the VAPS that that same utility get paid for providing those services. MIACCA also asked that there be a notification requirement in the area where an utility requests a waiver from the Code of Conduct. Finally MIACCA asked that in addition to the statutory penalty for when the Code of Conduct is violated that there also be progressive reporting penalties for those utilities that repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct in order for the MPSC to be able to know quicker when there is noncompliance.

HB 5376 Requiring Mandatory Code Advisory Committees Voted out of House Regulatory Reform Committee.

inspector registered with the State of Michigan will come out and inspect the installation to see if it meets the applicable code requirements.

As an added convenience, we have added our RAP forms to the main page of our site at <https://miacca.org/RAP-Form/>

What is the RAP program? Report All Permits is a MIACCA program designed to help jurisdictions make sure proper permits are obtained so the safety inspections can be done. This form will be forwarded by MIACCA to the enforcing agency having jurisdiction.

All RAP forms will be promptly forwarded to the enforcement agency having jurisdiction by MIACCA without identifying who brought this to MIACCA's attention. All identities held in strict confidence.

If you suspect that work is being done without the proper permit being pulled, please submit the form from our site including as much information as possible for expedited processing.

Talk to you next month!

Product Spotlight



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The MIACCA supported [House Bill 5376](#) H-2 was voted out by the House Regulatory Reform Committee; but more is needed to move the bill to the house floor for a vote. As there is opposition to this bill, including Department of Licensing and Regulatory Reform, American Chemical Council, BASF, Dow Chemical, and International Association of Electrical Inspectors. So if your state representative is holding a coffee-style meeting or round table please try to attend and ask them to move the code bill as soon as possible. It's an election year so they will be out and about seeking votes.

MIACCA Looking into developing a single statewide mechanical permit form

MIACCA is looking in to having one statewide mechanical permit form where each jurisdiction would fill in their own fee schedule and local information. MIACCA believes that it would be beneficial to its members to only have one form as opposed to each municipality having their own forms. Currently third party inspection companies use one form for different jurisdictions and MIACCA wants to make that practice statewide.

MIACCA has contacted the BCC about this and the notion was received positively. So if you have what you think is a good mechanical permit application that you would like to see used throughout the state, please email it to infor@miacca.org.



The Top 6 HVAC Industry Trends to Know for 2018

If there is one common theme we're seeing for the HVAC industry in 2018, it's that technology is influencing the industry and customer expectations. If you haven't already, 2018 is the year to look at ways technology can help your HVAC business with marketing, business operations, and making data-driven decisions.

High-efficiency Hot Water Recirculation

CRANSTON, R.I. — The 006e3 is one of the newest models in Taco Comfort Solutions'® 00e® Series of high-efficiency, ECM-powered circulators. The infinitely variable, wet-rotor circulator is designed specifically to make installation and operation of domestic hot water recirculation systems easier and more efficient.

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For more information, visit www.tacomfort.com.



What kind of mess are you leaving for your kids?

Most Baby Boomers have spent their lives accumulating. Today's younger generations tend not to accumulate assets the way their parents and grandparents did. What's more, they often don't have an interest in family

We reached out to business owners, industry experts, and marketing and finance pros to get their take on what the HVAC industry can expect in 2018. Here's what they had to say:

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HVAC News



It's Time to push Gas Furnace Inspections

With the busy summer season just beginning, marketing gas-furnace maintenance may be the last thing on your mind. Even though you're focused on cooling equipment, don't wait until fall to begin promoting and educating your customers on the importance of early furnace inspections - Your business could miss out on some big benefits.

So why should you start marketing gas furnace maintenance now?

- **It flattens sales peaks and valleys.** Sales can be unpredictable when moving between the slow and busy seasons, but scheduling furnace maintenance appointments well before the heating season can add consistency to your cash flow.
- **It keeps you busy during the slow season.** Filling up your late summer and early fall schedule with furnace inspections will keep your business productive during the slower seasons and it allows your technicians more time to devote to each customer.
- **It helps you sell maintenance agreements.** Demonstrating the benefits of preventive maintenance through early furnace inspections will show customers how valuable and convenient a maintenance program can be.

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heirlooms (their parents' junk). Why put the burden on your children to get rid of your stuff when you die or move to a smaller, simpler lifestyle? It might be time to start decluttering and decumulating.

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Exciting news on advancing ACCA's Workforce Priority

Senate scheduled to take up Career and Technical Education

Tuesday, June 26 the Senate HELP Committee was scheduled to mark up a bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. ACCA has been pushing for this reauthorization/update for nearly two years, and was pleased to offer our support for the legislation after meeting with committee staff, and getting a walk-through of the bipartisan agreement that has been reached to update the law.



Project Service Day September 22, 2018

MIACCA is seeking contractors to join us in this goodwill event that will provide service calls those who could use a helping hand, in the Grand Rapids area. We will be providing furnace inspections and other service needs that we might run in to. We know how important your time is and wouldn't ask for this commitment on your part, if we didn't feel that this is a fantastic opportunity to show the public just how amazing MIACCA's contractor members are!

Additionally if you'd like you can be paired up with an HVACR student to ride with you. This is an excellent way for you to show them your work ethic and network with potential interns and employees from Ferris State University and an opportunity to let them experience what it is like to give back in this feel good event.

If we have enough of our members to volunteer, we have a tentative schedule of meeting at 7:30 a.m. for doughnuts, coffee and student pair ups, complete as many service calls as we have man power for. An appreciation dinner with raffle prizes and giveaways will be held the following week or so, in your honor. The details will be provided once we know how many people we will need to accommodate.

If you cannot participate at the event and would still like to be involved, you may do so by sponsoring the event. We would appreciate any donations of equipment or financial contributions..

As a volunteer or sponsor of this event, you will be recognized on our [Project Service Days webpage](#) and in the October eNewsletter.

By participating in this event, you will be making a warm difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Please let me know if you can mark off your calendar for this event and how many techs you will be so kind to volunteer by June 22, 2018 so we may begin preparing. Please call or email me at the below contact information.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope you can

join us!

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