

NEW LAWS AFFECTING HOME BUILDERS

ENACTED DURING THE 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

- **Chapters 705/706 (SB 974/HB 1448)** – Home Builder Registration Fees: Effective October 1, 2016, registration fees paid by home builders will increase as follows:
 - Initial registration: \$800
 - Renewal registration:
 - 10 or fewer permits preceding year: \$400
 - 11 to 74 permits preceding year: \$800
 - 75 or more permits preceding year: \$1,200
 - Guaranty Fund Administrative Fee paid by builders who build only in Montgomery County: \$250
 - Sales Representative registration: \$300

- **Chapter 638 (HB 989)** – Notice of Water and Sewer Charges: A contract for resale of residential real property that is subject to deferred water and sewer charges is required to contain a notice as set forth in the legislation. The requirement does not apply in a county that has adopted its own substantially similar disclosure requirement. Failure to include the required notice entitles the purchaser to rescind the contract and receive a full refund of all deposits made, if prior to settlement. After settlement, the seller must pay the full amount of any fee or assessment not disclosed.