

## **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.