



TOP LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR REMODELERS

-  **Passed State & Local Plan Review Changes** – State & local plan reviewers must complete an initial plan review within 30 days.
-  **Passed Legislation Halting Expansion of Builder/Remodeler Licensing** - A local unit of government may not pass an ordinance after February 28, 2013 requiring a builder or remodeler to obtain a license or register as a condition to working within a jurisdiction.
-  **Supported Adoption of New Statewide Residential Code with Exceptions for Remodeling** - The code balances safety with affordability while providing exceptions for remodeling projects to comply with new requirements, and, for the first time, has state-specific amendments integrated into the text that can be viewed digitally for free.
-  **Defeated Employee Classification** – Legislation would have forced independent contractors to become employees of the general contractor.
-  **Passed Home Improvement Fraud Law** – Law increases penalties on home repair scam artists across the state.
-  **Passed Home Improvement Contract Law Change** – Makes a home improvement contract between a supplier and a consumer subject to certain conditions and requirements if the contract is entered into as a result of damage, loss, or expense if insurance is involved or a 3rd party is liable.
-  **Defeated the Transfer of the EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Programs From the Federal Government to a State Agency** – Contractors already paid fees to the EPA and under the bill the fees already paid would not be allowed to follow the program to the state, so contractors would be subject to additional fees and potential fines.
-  **Defeated Onerous Provisions in Lead-Based Paint Legislation** – Would have mandated inspections on rental properties built before 1978 performed by a licensed inspector and considered presence of lead paint to be a property defect subject to the Responsibility Property Transfer Law.
-  **Defeated Shortening Timeframe in Mechanic's Lien Statute** – Would have shortened the amount of time to send notice of right to file mechanic's lien from 60 days to 30 days.
-  **Passed Measure Requiring the State Building Commissioner to Issue Interpretations within 10 Business Days**
-  **Passed Measure Allowing Remodel of Townhouses Without the Use of a Design Professional or Obtaining a Construction Design Release from the State**
-  **Passed Abandoned Housing Reforms to Increase the Number of Blighted Properties to be Remodeled** – Local government can decrease the time it takes to get abandoned property back into productive use, and also will help free up federal funds to help improve blighted properties.



Regulations account for nearly **25%** of price of new single-family home.

For every **\$1,000** price increase, **3,217** households are priced out of the market in Indiana.