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Message from President

Bill Krestakos



Now that we are in full HEATING Season mode and the business is just as brisk as the weather it is easy to get overwhelmed with all the no heat calls and not having enough people to meet the demand. But with the Midterm Election just around the corner especially at this point in our country's history we all need to take a moment and

Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



November 6th 2018!

Remember, your vote counts. Don't forget to head to the polls and cast your ballot this election!

We need your help! The 2018 Michigan Mechanical Code is now open, and we are seeking your input.

R 408.30501 has been submitted pertaining to the Approved materials and equipment, Right of entry in performing duties, use of alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment, etc.

For your convenience, a Proposed Rule/Code Change Request form can be accessed [HERE](#). The full code document can be viewed [Here](#).

Your proposal submission for this rule set must be submitted to matsumotos@michigan.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Status of the rule set progression will be posted on our website.

Review of House Bill 6110

As discussed in our last edition, MIACCA would ask that its members to review [House Bill 6110](#) which would amend provisions of Public Act 381 of 1974 regarding "good moral character". The statutory requirements for many types of occupational licenses require that an applicant for a new or renewal license be of "good moral character." Public Act 381 defines "good moral character" and also contains provisions intended to support the rehabilitation efforts of former offenders by, among other things, prohibiting the use by a licensing board of a criminal record as the sole proof of an applicant's lack of good moral character.

HB 5376 Passed House – Now on to Senate Regulatory Reform Committee

reflect on what is happening around us. Our economy is growing at a record pace but we are facing a tremendous labor shortage. In many parts of the state we are seeing unemployment at 4% or below. That means there are just not many people available even without HVAC experience. At MIACCA our Executive Director MJ and Board member Michael Cain are working tirelessly with different Community Colleges meeting with instructors and students to guide people to the contracting world. Here is where we need your support, if you have a program in your area let MIACCA know, we can contact them and include them in whatever programs we are working on. Also make your company available for student internships during break periods. All industries are experiencing the same labor shortage so nobody is going to do it for us, we need to do this ourselves.

On a national note, the upcoming Midterm Election is probably one of the most critical elections we will see in our lifetime. Thus saying, Get Out and Vote never meant more than now. As business owners, I don't have to tell you what this means to your company. Please make sure your employees have the opportunity to cast their vote.

As Michiganders we live in the greatest state in the union, we have a lot to be thankful for, from everyone at MIACCA, we wish you and your loved ones the happiest of Thanksgiving.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!

Supported by MIACCA, as passed by the House, [HB 5376](#) would require advisory committees made up of industry representatives to review all new codes to be adopted by LARA. HB 5376 is now before Senate Regulatory Reform Committee consisting of:

- [Tory Rocca](#) (R) Committee Chair, 10th District
- [Rick Jones](#) (R) Vice Chair, 24th District
- [Marty Knollenberg](#) (R) 13th District
- [Mike Kowall](#) (R) 15th District
- [Peter MacGregor](#) (R) 28th District
- [Joe Hune](#) (R) 22nd District
- [Rebekah Warren](#) (D) Minority Vice Chair, 18th District
- [Curtis Hertel Jr.](#) (D) 23rd District
- [David Knezek](#) (D) 5th District

If you know of anyone who lives in one of these Senator's districts, please encourage them to contact their senator and ask them to support HB 5376.

Board of Boiler Rules

MIACCA attended the October 2, 2018, the Board of Boiler Rules and the STRA rules proposal were discussed. Some board members were upset that the boiler rules were not given to them for input or approval. They would have like to have seen them prior to the public hearing. [Read Full](#)

Smart Thermostats: Can They Improve Energy Efficiency?



With old man winter just around the bend, heating season is well on its way to its inevitable high peak. Dropping mercury means your furnace will need to work harder to keep up with the cold. For many households, this means a high utility bill through the winter months. But what if you could mitigate that high bill? Though programmable thermostats have been around for years at this point, smart thermostats provide you with the opportunity for even more savings. Here's a quick look at what they are, how



Customers will see bill decrease this heating season. Propane, heating oil prices projected to be up

LANSING, Mich. – Energy use in Michigan this winter likely will increase, according to the annual [Winter Energy Appraisal](#) by the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE), with higher demand for natural gas, propane and electricity, reflecting Michigan's economic strength, population growth and lower unemployment. [\(Read More\)](#)



ACCA Joins Alabama Power in Celebrating New PAHRA Approved HVAC Training Center

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) joined Alabama Power and business and state elected leaders Friday, October 12 to celebrate the new HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) Training Center in Jasper, AL.

The HVAC Training Center is a partnership between Alabama Power and Beville

they work and how they help you save energy. ([Read More](#))



WFD November Update

Submitted by Michael Cain: President Michigan Engineered Comfort Corporation (MECC) | Facility Engineers, Contractors & Consultants

We truly have a serious shortage of workers for numerous high paying job descriptions! HVAC&R is unfortunately little understood and rather poorly marketed by our own industry, However, it truly is the "Professional Skilled Trade" that is essential to our Quality of Life. Without exaggeration, we are the Nerds, the Engineers, Scientists & Super skilled Tradesmen. Bring to us your best and brightest and we will help them to become successful in countless ways. ([Read More](#))

Keeping Your Valued Employees



When the heat is on in the HVAC industry and the phones are ringing non-stop, nobody cares about the need for leads. Contractors have more leads than they can handle. They care about getting the work done and keeping their people theirs. In other words, they worry about competitors poaching technicians and installers. Here's how to stop them. ([Read More](#))

Inspectors learn more about

State Community College and nearly 50 manufacturers and distributors collaborated to make it a reality. ([Read More](#))



Where There's Smoke . . .

Every year, business owners experience property losses totaling billions of dollars due to fire. Fires can destroy not only buildings and property, but also people's livelihoods, sense of security, succession plan, and community at large.

To support your efforts to prevent workplace fires, Federated Insurance developed an employer-focused, risk management video titled "Where There's Smoke." ([Read More](#))

Product Spotlight-

XR16 Low Profile Heat Pump



The XR16 Low Profile Heat Pump from Trane is a side-discharge, single-stage heat pump designed for split ducted heating and cooling systems where space constraints make vertical discharge units difficult to install. It is available in 1.5 to 5 tons and is suitable for any residential building. The

CSD-1 and how it applies to residential boilers

At the Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan/Plumbing Inspectors Association of Michigan joint Fall Conference MIACCA provided CSD-1 training during the event which took place September 20th - 21st.

The inspectors in attendance not only learned what CSD-1 requires for commercial boiler installations but also that CSD-1 applies to boilers installed in residential applications.

MIAM and PIAM have become the strongest inspector associations in Michigan in the country and will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for its members enabling them to perform in a more professional manner.

For more information from the web at <http://www.mechanicalinspector.com>.

system features a SEER of up to 17 and a HSPF of up to 10.

Each unit is built with a Climatuff compressor, tube and fin coil with refrigeration-grade copper tube and enhanced aluminum fin surface to maximize heat transfer, and an integrated fan system with leading-edge swept blade design to improve airflow, enhance performance and reduce sound levels.

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