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2010 Highlights of a Successful State Legislative Session

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See our [spreadsheet](#) of all the bills that passed and the bills that died on which the HBA worked.

- HBA defeated all wetland, mechanics lien and other bills adverse to our industry.
- **SB 13 (PA 10-77)**: Regulates appraisal management firms for the first time (*eff 10-1-10*).
- **SB 133 (PA 10-27)**: Improves the allowed hiring ratio of apprentices to journeyman for all licensed trades to that currently “enjoyed” by electricians (*eff 5-11-10*).
- **SB 188 (PA 10-149)**: This HBA bill requires Dept of Consumer Protection to study and make improvements to its consumer complaint processes for new home builders and home improvement contractors (*eff 6-11-10*).
- **SB 199 (PA 10-138)**: Directs the state to create a new process to develop the state plan of conservation and development, using the NJ cross acceptance approach, which should significantly reduce the number of state and local conflicts and, thereby, eliminate a development hurdle (*eff 6-11-10 and 7-1-10*).
- **HB 5208 (PA 10-158)**: Large regulatory reform bill, including (*various effective dates*):
 - Establishes time frames for DEP to complete the review of permit applications (60 days to determine if an application is complete; 180 days for tentative determination on applications; with some extensions);
 - Creates a new program for expediting DEP, DPH, and DOT permits for projects of economic significance;
 - Requires DEP, DPH and DOT to designate permit ombudsman to help regulated entities; Creates a new state permit ombudsman in DECD, with authority to bring together DEP, DPH and DOT;
 - Requires DEP to review general permit programs and recommend improvements;
 - Creates a new DEP consultation service similar to CT OSHA’s consultation;
 - Requires DEP water quality standards to be adopted via rulemaking procedures;
 - Requires the use of various methods to reduce the impact of proposed regulations on small business; and
 - Other positive changes affecting manufacturing and industrial facilities.
- There were several pro job growth and economic development bills that passed, including **SB 1** (eliminates business entity tax for businesses with <\$50K net income, creates new revolving loan fund for small businesses; Governor vetoed SB 1 due to a new tax on bonuses exceeding \$1 million at firms that received TARP funds); **HB 5435 (PA 10-75)** (massive 75 page jobs bill); **HB 5383 (PA 10-168)** (creates new economic development districts); **HB 5498 (PA 10-190)** (promotes micro-businesses); and **SB 493** (massive 11th hour energy bill, which Governor vetoed due to undetermined impact).

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