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NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PENNSYLVANIA CONTRACTORS

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The Pennsylvania General Assembly recently enacted the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act (the “Act”). Effective as of July 1, 2009, many contractors that engage in home improvement work in Pennsylvania must comply with the new registration and contracting requirements.

The Act generally applies to contractors that perform more than \$5,000 in annual home improvement work (including work performed in or around a residence). The Act broadly defines the term “home improvement” to include, for example, the following work: repairs, replacements, remodeling, demolition, landscaping, improvement and even painting and door installation. Contractors subject to the Act must register with the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. Additionally, contracts for home improvement work must include mandated terms/clauses or contractors risk having their contracts voided.

It is highly advised that all contractors that engage in home improvement work in Pennsylvania seek attorney assistance to update their contracts to comply with the Act before July 1st.

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