

DO YOU KNOW?

We are expecting more than 1,600 legislative bills and the State of Maine budget to be considered by the 130th Maine Legislature over the next five months. MAR's government affairs team reads every single bill that begins its legislative journey and works with the MAR Legislative Committee and MAR Board of Directors and 1) identifies those bills that impact Maine's real estate industry, and 2) establishes a monitor, support, or oppose priority position for each bill.

Those bills are added to MAR's "Legislative Bill Tracking Report" on a weekly basis. As the session moves forward, we expect 150-200 bills to be added to the tracker; potential laws that could impact your real estate business!

Check out the Advocacy tab on the<u>MAR website</u> for links to our <u>MAR Bill Tracking report</u> (password: codeofethics) and tools you can use to read the proposed legislation, know when a public hearing is taking place, listen and watch the hearings, read public testimony about the bills, and more.

Click here for more information

The Public Policy Statement of the Maine Association of REALTORS® guides our advocacy efforts: <u>Click Here</u>

For additional assistance: suzanne@mainerealtors.com

PLAN FOR TAX TIME:

NAR's Center for REALTOR® Financial Wellness is offering no-cost, one-hour webinars during the month of February to assist REALTORS® with tax issues and questions. The first webinar "Real Estate Agents Tax Guide 101" is February 3 from 2:00-3:00 ET. To learn more and register: <u>Click Here</u>

KEEP YOUR INFO CURRENT:

It's a new year, please review and update your member profile information in the MAR membership system:

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Maine Association of REALTORS®

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Maine Listings

Maine Real Estate Commission

RAMCO Portal Links

<u>Greater Bangor Association</u> of REALTORS®

<u>Greater Portland Board of</u> <u>REALTORS®</u>

Kennebec Valley Board of REALTORS®

Maine Association of REALTORS®

- Maine Commercial Association
- MAR Only Members
- York County Council

Mid-Coast Board of REALTORS®

- Acadia Council
- Mid-Coast Council
- Penobscot Bay Council

Mountains to Shore Board of REALTORS®

- Androscoggin Valley Council
- Lincoln County Council
- Merrymeeting Council
- Western Maine Council

- 1) Login to the <u>MAR RAMCO portal</u>
- 2) Help info is on the top and bottom of the portal signin screen. Please contact MAR

(info@mainerealtors.com) if you need login and password assistance.

3) Click on the "Update Your Member Profile" in the blue box (upper left)

4) Note the **five sections** on the left to update (Main, Home Address, Mailing Address, Personal,

Communication Preference)

5) Update your information in each section and be sure to click on Update and/or Save **at the bottom of each section.**

6) THANK YOU!

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This is just one of NAR's most popular blogs. To find the blogs: <u>Click Here</u>

MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:

Click on the following link to learn about:

- Upcoming Webinars FOREWARN & Flexmls
 Statistics With Josh Hernandez
- Maine Listings Q4 Quick Stats and End of Year Stats are now available
- End User ID Number Requirements
- Flexmls Address Search

Here is the link



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