

## **HOME INSPECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL ELIMINATED**

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This past April, Governor Cuomo officially abolished the Home Inspection Advisory Council, along with other Department of State advisory councils, as a cost-cutting measure. This leaves the New York State home inspection profession with no mandated input with the State. This action makes it all the more important to move forward with our efforts to enhance our profession. The New York State Association of Home Inspectors (NYSAHI), has met with the Department of State to ensure open lines of communication. NYSAHI is looking forward to working with the DOS and filling the void left by the home inspection advisory council. The four major points on the agenda are as follows:

- . To improve the state home inspector exam to make it more appropriate;
- . To increase initial license training from 140 hours to 180 hours, with a focus on strengthening Mod 5;
- . To increase continuing education requirements from 24 hours biannually to anywhere from 32 hours to 40 hours; and
- . To limit distance learning to a fraction of total CEUs, if the CE requirement is raised. Recent surveys have demonstrated that respondents overwhelmingly believe the classroom experience to be of superior quality to the online experience.

The ultimate goal is to demonstrate to the DOS how improving standards for home inspectors is at heart a consumer protection issue that will benefit the public and the profession.

