



State Bill Tracking

Most of the state's legislative sessions started up again and there is a lot going on! NEHPBA is currently tracking over 100 bills in our seven states. We encourage you all to be reading our emails, checking social media pages, and staying up-to-date for more calls-to-action and updates. ***Be sure to add Karen@nehpba.org to your inbox so that you receive all of our communications!***

Our Work With our Lobbying & PR Firm:

As many of you know, NEHPBA has enlisted the help of O'Neil & Associates to help us in our interactions with state legislators. This has been incredibly beneficial to us in advocating for our members in our region to help promote our industry by getting our voices heard, creating written and live testimony for bills we both support and oppose, getting us in-person and face-to-face meetings with legislators in committees that directly affect our business, and in creating PR pieces for publication in numerous publications.

While all of this has been extremely helpful it comes at great expense. Through the help of HPBA, generous sponsors, and creative cost cutting we have

Wondering what your dues & donations are supporting? Here is some insight into just a few of our 2021 winning campaigns:

- Offered written and verbal testimony for well over 50 bills in all 7 states.
- Created a "[Gas Ban Tool Kit](#)" for use by members to further educate customers and contractors.
- Personally met with over 32 state legislators in the Northeast to discuss and educate on gas bans, labor shortages, and electrification and the effects these policies will have on our businesses.
- Gave 4 in-person dealer tours to States Senate and House Reps.
- Met with 6 Federal legislators to discuss tariffs, gas bans, supply chain issues, labor shortages, and gas bans.

New York:

- NEHPBA has recently joined the Business Council of New York. This group focuses on advocacy and government affairs in the state's political and policy-making arenas, working for a healthier business climate, economic growth, and jobs. This group supplies us with a representative on the Climate Action Council (CAC) to represent our members in NY. See the [website](#) for more information.

Massachusetts:

- NEHPBA has gotten a seat at the table and is part of the stakeholder process with the DPU in creating the Roadmap to Net Zero.
- Joined MA Coalition of Sustainable Energy.

New Hampshire:

- Passed **New Hampshire Energy Choice Bill** preserving and protecting consumers AGAINST Propane bans.

Connecticut:

- Successful in getting CT Propane Cylinder Custodial bill overturned taking the financial burden of recycling off of retailers in CT.

Vermont:

- Successful in getting a contractors registration bill overturned in VT.
- Helped get the VT Burner Ban put on hold.

- Closely monitoring the Climate Action Council (CAC).

Maine:

- Monitoring the progress of the Central Maine Power (CMP) Corridor. Central Maine Power (CMP) is proposing to build a 145-mile transmission line through the heart of Maine to send hydropower from Quebec to electricity customers in Massachusetts.

Rhode Island:

- Rhode Island legislature passed numerous environmental bills this past session, but it failed to pass a standard to mandate a 100% renewable energy by 2030.

We are presently working on licensing & permitting bills for venting and direct vent manufactured hearth appliances, and we are beginning to investigate the process for getting a chimney inspection to be a mandatory part of the home purchase process.

2022 Membership Dues invoices will be out next week!

Please [log into our website](#) to renew or update your payment information today! Actual invoices will be sent as well. You are welcome to send a check to NEHPBA, PO Box 28, Sudbury, MA 01776. If you are on auto-pay, you don't have to do a thing! Renew in-full before January 31, 2022 to lock in 2021 pricing! Dues will be increasing by \$25 after 1/31/2022 so renew before Feb 1. Not a member? No problem. [Click here](#) and join today!

Going back to the NEHPBA Annual Event!

In years past we moved on from the Annual Meeting to our signature Meet & Greet. But, in 2022, we've decided it's time to go back to the Annual Meeting. Join us on June 6 & 7 for Education, Sales workshops, product showcases, retailer best practices and a manufacturer round table! And, make a trip out of

Keeper of the Flame!

We were finally able to award Karen DiVerdi, Enchanted Fireside, with the Keeper of the Flame Award, 2019! This award was supposed to be presented to her in New Orleans, but she was unable to attend due to a broken leg! Through 2020, we were unable to see her in-person. Thank you Karen for your commitment to our industry and the work you do on behalf of NEHPBA!



NEHPBA Blaze King Raffle

BENEFITTING our 2022 advocacy expenses in New England and New York. Help support energy choice and help us continue to be part of the Net-Zero conversation in our region!

Win a BLAZE KING ASHFORD Wood Burning Stove 30.2 including the dual blowers!

SUGGESTED RETAIL is \$4,969.23

TICKETS are \$25/each

5 for \$100

[Purchase Tickets here](#)

Onyx – \$25 raffle ticket

Ruby - 5 tix for \$100

We will scan and send you your raffle tickets!

Open!

HPBExpo 2022 in Atlanta, GA will be held on March 2-5. Join Us for Four Days of:

- Business strategies and solutions that address the challenges and opportunities of the current market
- Networking opportunities with industry veterans, new businesses and top suppliers—hear what's working and how others are adapting in today's new normal
- Actionable solutions you can use right away to grow your revenue
- Access to the industry's latest innovation in multi-functional furniture, barbecue technology, and hearth and patio-heating equipment in the exhibit hall and New Product Showcase
- More than 30 expert-led education and training sessions that will give you a competitive edge—and National Fireplace Institute® (NFI) Certification
- Interactive product demonstrations
- Cutting-edge industry knowledge and the latest government affairs impacting the industry
- **NEHPBA Expo Reception will be held on Wednesday evening, March 2, 2022. Information and location to follow. Save the Date!**

[Learn More about HPBExpo](#)
[Register Here](#)

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