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The Honorable Carl Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie:

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the Assembly Standing Committee on Codes, I submit to you the committee’s 2024 Annual Report highlighting its activities during the legislative session. This legislative year, the committee reviewed and reported legislation encompassing a variety of topics, from repealing outdated crimes to safeguarding school bus safety.

In addition to our legislative responsibilities, the Committee worked closely with our partners in the Executive and Senate throughout the budgetary process restoring funding; as well as protecting retail workers with the establishment of a new crime, tackled criminal theft rings, and included additional crimes in the hate crime statute.

This year, the Committee met 10 times and reported a total of 170 bills including:

- Legislation that allows courts to issue protective orders for jurors;
- Removal of religious clothing to aggravated harassment;
- Expanding the definition of mental health care provider;
- A package of gun legislation that helps keep New Yorkers safe.

The Assembly can be justly proud of our legislative accomplishments which are further outlined in this report. As the committee looks forward into 2025, we will continue to review and consider legislation that will improve the lives of New Yorkers across the state.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dinowitz, Chair

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I. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Codes considers issues and legislation regarding the State's criminal and civil justice system. Much of the legislation considered by the members of the Codes Committee amends the Criminal Procedure Law, the Penal Law, the Civil Practice Law and Rules, as well as selected articles of the Executive Law.

In addition, the Committee's dual reference authority, pursuant to Rule IV § 6 (i) of the Rules of the Assembly of the State of New York, places within its jurisdiction legislation initiated in any of the other Assembly standing committees which imposes or changes any fine, term of imprisonment, forfeiture of rights or property, or other penal sanction, as well as legislation related to the procedure by which such fine, term of imprisonment, forfeiture, or other penal sanction is imposed or changed.

II. SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Implementing Child Sensitive Arrest Policies and Procedures

Safeguarding Children.

A.3502 (Vanel) / S.2747 (Bailey) – Chapter 648 of the Laws of 2024.

This law directs the Superintendent of the State Police to develop and institute child-sensitive arrest policies and procedures for instances where police are arresting an individual who is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child. State and local law enforcement would be required to inquire whether an individual subject to arrest is a parent, guardian or person legally charged with the care or custody of a minor who may be at risk as a result of the arrest, and to make reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of such minor.

B. ERPO and TERPO

Computerizing Risk Protection Orders.

A.5873 (Lavine) / S.3340 (Mayer) – Chapter 427 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires temporary extreme risk protection orders and final extreme risk protection orders be reported to and placed in the existing statewide computerized registry of orders of protection and warrants of arrest.

Extreme Risk Protection Order.

A.7717-B (Wallace) / S.8589-A (Scarcella-Spanton) – Chapter 425 of the Laws of 2024.

This legislation amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules to allow a law enforcement agency to be listed as the petitioner in lieu of the police officer's name when petitioning for an extreme risk protection order.

C. Updating the Law

Repealing the Crime of Adultery.

A.4714 (Lavine) / S.8744 (Krueger); Chapter 462 of the Laws of 2024.

This law repeals the crime of adultery, which is a class B misdemeanor.

Renames a Weapon in the Law.

A.8425 (Bores) / S.8934 (Chu); Chapter 481 of the Laws of 2024.

This law makes technical changes to the definition of weapon to update terminology from “Kung Fu star” to “throwing star” or “shuriken.”

Amend Penal Law definition of Mental Health Care.

A.10105-B (Berger) / S.9294-A (Fernandez); Chapter 636 of the Laws of 2024

This law amends the Penal Law definition of mental health care provider to include any mental health care practitioner or mental health professional licensed.

D. Making the Roads Safer

Expanding Reckless Driving.

A.402-B (Rozic) / S.760-B (Liu); Transportation; Chapter 436 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to include parking lots in the reckless driving statute.

School Bus Safety.

A.3120-A (Magnarelli) / S.9504-A (Cooney); Transportation; Chapter 433 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to increase the maximum penalty for a third or subsequent conviction of overtaking and passing a school bus from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Registering Certain Motorcycles.

A.8450-B (Bores) / S.7703-B (Hoylman-Sigal); Transportation; Chapter 198 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires limited use motorcycles sold by a dealer be registered at the time of sale.

E. Include Medical and Health insurance in Identity Theft definition

Updating the definition of Identity Theft.

A.4737-B (Lavine) / S.2376-B (Persaud); Chapter 613 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Penal Law and General Business Law to include medical and health insurance information within the definition of identity theft.

F. Require Health Dept Inspection Grade online

Restaurant Delivery Services.

A.28-C (Rosenthal) / S.509-B (Thomas); Cities; Chapter 540 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Administrative Code of the City of New York and General Municipal Law to require restaurants that offer online delivery services to post a link on their website displaying the restaurant's most recent health department inspection grade. An internet-based food delivery service provider in violation shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 for each violation.

G. Safeguarding the Courts

Allows the Court to Issue Protective Orders.

A.7495 (Lavine) / S.6239 (Thomas); Chapter 622 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Criminal Procedure Law to allow a court to issue a protective order where good cause exists for the disclosure of the names of jurors. Good cause may be determined by considering whether the defendant or persons on behalf of the defendant have bribed, tampered, or attempted to cause physical harm in another criminal action, the seriousness of the charges, and pretrial publicity.

English as a Second Language.

A.9122 (Cruz) / S.8687 (Bailey); Veto Memo 70.

This bill would require allegations and/or supporting statements by someone who is not English proficient to be accurately translated to the person's primary language. The statement must be written in the primary language of the deponent with an English translation that has a verification by the interpreter and an affidavit by the interpreter stating their qualifications and affirming the accuracy of the translation; or the statement in English drafted by the interpreter along with an affidavit stating their qualifications, affirming the accuracy of the translation and that the content was communicated accurately to the deponent in their primary language, the deponent confirmed accuracy of the allegations, and the verification statement was accurately translated to the witness's primary language.

H. Worker Safety

NY Fashion Workers Act.

A.5631-E (Reyes) / S.9832 (Hoylman-Sigal); Labor; Chapter 676 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires model management companies to register with the state of New York and prohibit model management companies from collecting fees, accommodation charges, payment deductions, contract renewal, or omission fees. It would additionally be prohibited for modeling management companies to discriminate and harass models. Allows models to bring a private right of action against the modeling agency if the provisions of this bill are violated. Additionally, the attorney general may bring and maintain an action in court to enforce the provision of the article.

Injury Reduction.

A.8907-A (Bronson) / S.5081-C (Ramos); Labor; Chapter 652 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires employers to establish and implement an injury reduction program designed to identify and minimize the risk of musculoskeletal injuries and disorders among workers involved in performing manual materials handling tasks. The employers would also be required to correct any risk factors identifiable as having caused or being likely to cause musculoskeletal injuries. Additionally, requires the commissioner to adopt a standard and process for certifying qualified ergonomists based on recommendations of the task force.

Call Center Training.

A.8939-A (Bronson) / S.6328-B (Ramos); Labor; Chapter 628 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires that successors of contracts with governmental bodies providing call center services retain the employees of the predecessor's contract for a trial period. Creates a penalty, if a breach is not rectified within a 30-day cure period, that allows the state comptroller to deduct amounts sufficient to satisfy lost wages.

Retail Worker Safety Act.

A.8947-C (Reyes) / S.8358-C (Ramos); Labor; Chapter 308 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires the Department of Labor to create a model workplace violence prevention training program to be utilized by private employers with 10 or more retail employees. Specifies certain components to be included in the program, such as de-escalation tactics and active shooter drills. Such employers would be required to conduct workplace violence prevention

training annually and upon employees' hiring. Employers with 50 or more retail employees would be required to install panic buttons throughout the workplace, and employers that have experienced a certain number of violent incidents at their workplace (number of incidents and timeline to be determined by the DOL) would be required to have a security guard present at the workplace during the hours the retail store is open.

Submitting Records.

A.9265-A (Bronson) / S.8608-A (Ramos); Labor; Chapter 304 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires contractors and subcontractors to submit monthly records in an electronic format, provide documentation where any supplement has been paid or provided for, and provide a copy of the payment bond. Establishes that contractors and subcontractors who fail to furnish record relating to its employees will be subject to a penalty of \$100.

I. Governmental Actions

Modify the Developmental Disability Ombudsman Program.

A.1577-A (Buttenschon) / S.3108-A (Mannion); People with Disabilities; Veto Memo 97.

This bill would modify the duties of the independent developmental disability ombudsman program by creating a structured service delivery framework. It would provide support to individuals in navigating and completing processes, assist with filing and preparing appeals, track and quantify the issues faced by individuals, and educate them about their rights and responsibilities in accessing services. Additionally, the bill would limit eligibility to submit proposals for available funding to domestic not-for-profit corporations, excluding organizations that are currently receiving funding.

State Agency Renewal Contracts.

A.2740-B (Paulin) / S.4877-A (Mayer); Governmental Operations; Veto Memo 22.

This bill would deem a state agency non-compliant if it failed to submit certain renewal contracts to the Attorney General. All written directives would include that states payment schedule and any late payments from the state based on this schedule will be subject to interest.

Public Employee Notification.

A.6146-B (Buttenschon) / S.5500-B (Skoufis); Governmental Operations; Chapter 302 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires agencies to develop a policy to provide notification to public employees if the agency is responding to a request of the employee's disciplinary records.

Class Action Certification.

A.8609 (Solages) / S.9518 (Gonzalez); Veto Memo 138.

This bill would prevent the court from denying or withholding class certification just because the action involves governmental operations.

Tropical Rain Forest Economic and Environmental Sustainability Act.

A.9711 (Zebrowski) / S.8898 (Krueger); Governmental Operations; Veto Memo 123.

This bill would enact the "tropical rain forest economic and environmental sustainability act" which would require OGS and the Department of Environmental Conservation to update the list

of tropical hardwood species that are currently available for commercial use in the U.S. Grants the MTA and Staten Island Ferry five-year exemptions from the ban on the use of tropical hardwood; with the possibility of annual extensions of the exemption for an additional five years. A contractor may be assessed a penalty of \$1,000 or an amount 20% of the value of the product (containing such tropical hardwoods). A hearing or opportunity to be heard shall be provided prior to the assessment of any penalty.

Locking Local Pools.

A.9888-C (McDonald) / S.7731-A (Gallivan); Governmental Operations; Chapter 292 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires gates around a swimming pool enclosure to be self-closing and self-latching. Additionally, this law requires that when a pool is not being supervised, the gate shall be locked with a key, combination, or other child proof lock sufficient to prevent access to the swimming pool.

J. Utilities and Authorities

Utility Company Consumer Complaints.

A.1745-A (Dinowitz) / S.628-A (Comrie); Corporations; Veto Memo 21.

This bill would amend the Public Service Law to improve the handling of consumer complaints by utility companies.

Penalties for Public Utility Companies.

A.3746 (Eichenstein) / S.6710 (Skoufis); Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Chapter 334 of the Laws of 2024.

This law establishes civil penalties for any public utility company or corporation (including the officers, agents, or employees) that knowingly make a false material statement, representation, or certification to the commission and shall forfeit \$250,000 to the state for each false statement.

Central NY Market Authority.

A.7081-B (Magnarelli) / S.7598-B (May); Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Chapter 580 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the central NY regional market authority to provide that the board work cooperatively and in consultation with the Dept of Ag and Markets to develop a plan for future viability of agriculture and regional market facilities in the district. Any employee who knowingly and intentionally violates this section may be fined, suspended, or removed from office. The law establishes a \$10,000 civil penalty or a class A misdemeanor under the public officer's law for knowingly and willfully makes a false statement.

K. Increasing Safeguards in the Law

Consent.

A.1774 (Rosenthal) /S.2922 (Cleare); Chapter 503 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Penal Law to deem individuals who are under the supervision of a local probation department as being incapable of consenting to sex with an employee of that local probation department who, as part of their employment, has ever supervised such individual.

Court of Claims Act.

A.6138 (Rosenthal) / S.5916 (Hoylman-Sigal); Chapter 153 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Court of Claims Act, General Municipal Law, and Education Law to exempt claims revived under the adult survivors act from the requirement to file a notice of claim.

Removal of Religious Clothing.

A.8849 (Sayegh) / S.5302 (Fernandez); Chapter 545 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends aggravated harassment in the second degree to include the removal of religious clothing article or headdress of a person.

Increasing Wrongful Death timelines.

A.9232-B (Weinstein) / S.8485-B (Hoylman-Sigal); Judiciary; Veto Memo 122.

This bill would extend the time permitted for a wrongful death action from two years to three years after the decedent's death and amend the recoverable damages allowed. Additionally, allows decedent's spouse or domestic partner, decedents distribute, and any person who is standing in loco parentis to the decedent to bring an action for damages.

L. Consumer Protection

Electric Bikes.

A.1910-B (Zinerman)/ S.7503-B (Cleare); Consumer Affairs and Protection; Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to require retailers of electric-bikes, powered by lithium-ion batteries, to provide customers with an operating manual. The operating manual shall be printed in English as well as the the three most common non-English languages. Additionally, the manual must include instructions on proper storage and charging of the battery; when and where to charge the battery; what to do if the battery overheats, leaks, produces a strange odor or noise, or has a change in its shape or color. A retailer shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 for the first violation and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

Social Media Terms of Service.

A.6789-B (Lee) / S.895-B (Hoylman-Sigal); Consumer Affairs and Protection; Chapter 640 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to require social media companies to inform all users of the existence and contents of the terms of service. Social media companies shall submit a semiannual report about its terms of service, which the attorney general shall make available to the public. A social media company shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$15,000 per violation for each day it fails to either post such terms of service, submit its report, or has materially omitted or misrepresented required information in a report.

Disclosing a Data Breach.

A.8872-A (Sayegh) / S.2659-B (Comrie); Consumer Affairs and Protections; Chapter 647 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to specify that where a business is required to disclose a data breach to the public such disclosure must be within fifteen days of the discovery of the breach. Additionally, adds the Department of Financial Services to the state offices that must be notified in the event that any New York residents are to be notified of a data breach.

Selling Homes.

A.9330-A (Burdick) / S.8506-A (Harckham); Consumer Affairs and Protection; Chapter 353 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to clarify that all vendors selling a home with an individual sewage disposal system are to provide a copy of the health pamphlet created by the Department of Health to vendees.

Restaurant Reservation Anti-Privacy Act.

A.10215-A (Rules Com Bores) / S.9365-A (Fernandez); Consumer Affairs and Protection; Chapter 601 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to require online third-party food service reservation apps to obtain a written agreement from a food service establishment prior to listing the restaurant on the platform for seating reservations. Establishes that violators shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation, accruing on a daily basis.

M. Banking

Student debt registry.

A.8913 (Epstein) / S.8197 (Thomas); Banks; Chapter 627 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires the superintendent of DFS to create a student debt registry. Empowers a superintendent to order that any person who has been found to knowingly violate this article to be barred for a term not to exceed 10 years from acting as a private education creditor, stockholder, officer, director, partner, owner, or employee of a private education creditor.

N. Protecting the Environment

Navigation Financial Responsibility.

A.9213-A (Fahy) / S.8703-A (Hinchey); Environmental Conservation; Veto Memo 121.

This law amends the Navigation Law to require owners of major facilities or vessels to establish and maintain with the department evidence of financial responsibilities sufficient to meet the amount of liability; and may not permit their operation in the state until after submitting and being approved. Additionally, this bill amends Navigation Law to require railroad companies that transport crude oil in the state to submit information, annually, about the ability to pay in the event of a discharge.

Freshwater Wetlands Protection.

A.9712 (Burdick) / S.9379 (Harckham); Environmental Conservation; Veto Memo 71.

This bill would amend the Environmental Conservation Law allowing that a local government that has implemented a freshwater wetlands protection law may adopt a local law or ordinance to prohibit the application of pesticides to the wetlands it regulates.

Prohibit the Taking Horseshoe Crabs for Certain Purposes.

A.10140 (Glick) / S.3185-A (Hoylman-Sigal); Environmental Conservation; Veto Memo 112.

This bill would amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial or biomedical purposes. Additionally, extends for two years, the ability of the Department of Environmental Conservation to fix by regulation measures for the management of crabs of any kind, excluding horseshoe crabs.

Boat Inspections.

A.10399 (Rules Com O'Donnell) / S.9241 (Serrano); Tourism; Chapter 119 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Navigation Law to require an annual inspection of any vessel operated on privately or publicly owned caves. The inspector may suspend a certification of inspection if there is proof that operation of the vessel poses a risk to public safety.

O. Election Conflicts of Interest

Board of Elections.

A.1244-D (Jacobson) / S.612-D (Mayer); Elections; Chapter 639 of the Laws of 2024.

This bill would prohibit board of election employees from engaging in or participating in any trade or business that creates an actual or potential conflict of interest. No board of elections official shall be allowed to maintain a financial interest in or be employed by a vendor that sells to the board voting machines, electronic poll books, printers, or other technical instruments. No board of elections employee shall be able to remain on the board of elections payroll while also being a candidate for office whose election is overseen by the board.

P. Shipment of Alcoholic Beverages

Authorize Direct and Intrastate Shipments.

A.3132-A (Lupardo) / S.2852-A (Skoufis); Economic Development; Chapter 226 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to authorize the direct interstate and intrastate shipments of liquor, cider, mead and/or braggot by licensed manufactures to a New York State resident. Provided that a licensed manufacture may ship no more than 36 cases (with no more than 9 liters per case) per year directly to a NYS resident who is at least 21 years of age, for such resident's personal use and not for resale; with the place of delivery constituting the location of the sale subject to excise taxes and all sales taxes levied.

Q. Housing

EV Charging.

A.3780-E (Fahy) / S.1736-E (Krueger); Governmental Operations; Chapter 643 of the Laws of 2024

This law amends the Executive Law to require new construction of residential and privately owned commercial buildings to include electric vehicle charging stations for off-street parking spaces/garages unless the building owner is eligible for a waiver under the demonstration of undue hardship.

Short Term Rentals.

A.4130-C (Fahy) / S.885-C (Hinchey); Housing; Chapter 672 of the Laws of 2024.

This law authorizes short-term rentals in multiple dwellings and multiple residences, create a statewide registration system with the Department of State for short-term rentals in municipalities that do not have their own registration system, and allows for the collection of sales and local occupancy taxes. The law establishes a schedule of notices and penalties for violations and authorize the Attorney General to bring an action for a violation.

R. Firearms

Written Warnings.

A.2882 (Dinowitz) / S.6649 (Gianaris); Chapter 428 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires firearms dealers to post and provide written warnings to purchasers of dangers posed by access to weapons in the home and provides the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Qualified Product Definition.

A.7555-A (Fahy) / S.7392-A (Myrie); Economic Development; Chapter 123 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the definition of a “Qualified Product” in the General Business Law relating to prohibiting the sale, manufacture, import or marketing of such product in the state to no longer be limited to firearms transported in interstate or foreign commerce, to include firearms present in the state.

Pistol Converters in Law.

A.10053-A (Simon) / S.7365-B (Hoylman-Sigal); Chapter 429 of the Laws of 2024.

This law amends the General Business Law to define pistol converter and require all gun industry members who manufacture a qualified product to establish reasonable steps to prevent use of a pistol converter.

Requiring Notice with Gun License.

A.10356-A (Rules Com Benedetto) / S.9760 (Mayer); Chapter 432 of the Laws of 2024.

This law requires notice of safe storage of firearms and child access prevention with every issuance of a gun license. Additionally, requires DCJS to conduct a public awareness campaign on safe storage of firearms and child access prevention.

S. Insurance

Wireless Communication Equipment Insurance Policies.

A.8304-B (Weprin) / S.7748-C (Breslin); Insurance; Chapter 386 of the Laws of 2024.

This law authorizes licensed wireless communication equipment vendors to sell policies of wireless communication equipment insurance with service contracts under wireless communications equipment protection plans.

Business Closure Insurance.

A.10342 (Rules Com Burgos) / S.9481 (Mayer); Insurance; Chapter 369 of the Laws of 2024.

This law establishes business interruption insurance to insure against the loss of use, rents, and profits resulting from business closure due to loss of use or damage to insured or neighboring property, act of threatened act of violence while the perpetrator is on the premises, or a government order.

Parametric Insurance.

A.10344 (Rules Com Silitti) / S.9420 (Skoufis); Insurance; Chapter 569 of the Laws of 2024.

This law establishes parametric insurance for occurrences of weather-related events.

III. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CODES IN 2024 THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY¹

Require 16 and 17 Year Olds to Wear Helmets on E-bikes

A.3073-B (Paulin) / S.9037 (May); Transportation; Passed Assembly.

This bill would amend the Vehicle and Traffic law to require persons who are 16 or 17 riding a bicycle or e-bike to wear a helmet. Additionally, imposes a civil fine not to exceed \$50 for not wearing a helmet and a court may waive the fine with proof that a helmet has been purchased or rented, or there is an economic hardship.

Unlawful Use of a Drone

A.4256 (Zebrowski) / S.4823 (Sanders); Passed Assembly.

This bill would amend the Penal Law to make the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft, or what is commonly referred to as a "drone," a violation. A person is guilty of such violation if he or she intentionally operates an unmanned aircraft in violation of federal laws or regulations or in a manner that it creates an unreasonable risk of harm or danger to any person or persons.

Adds a New Form of ID.

A.9057-C (Lee) / S.7826-B (Ramos); Banks; Passed Assembly.

This bill would make a New York City identity card a mandated form of accepted ID at all banking institutions. Penalties for violations shall not exceed \$2,500 for each day during which such violation continues.

Actual percentage rate liability.

A.9463 (Zebrowski) / S.9366 (Sanders); Banks; Passed Assembly.

This bill would establish that no liability shall be imposed on a provider acting in good faith when the annual percentage rate charged by the provider differs from the estimated annual percentage rate disclosed by the provider and within the depts rules and regulations. A civil penalty under §812 provides for up to \$2,000 for each violation or \$10,000 for a willful violation. Superintendent may order additional relief.

Personalized Handguns.

A.8333-A (Bores) / S.7802-A (Kavanagh); Passed Assembly.

This bill would establish the "Safer Weapons, Safer Homes Act" which directs DCJS to complete an investigation to certify the technological viability of personalized handguns.

Arbitration Rules.

A.6889-A (Lavine) / S.8201-A (Hoylman-Sigal); Judiciary; Passed Assembly.

¹ Except where noted, legislation cited in this discussion originated in the Committee on Codes. Where such legislation did not so originate, but was dual referenced into the Committee on Codes from another committee and the Committee has substantial impact on such legislation, then the original committee of reference will appear with the bill number. Additionally, legislation that was in fact passed by both houses or delivered to the Governor will be listed as such. This information is according to the publication date of this report, December 15, 2024. For a complete list of bills that were reviewed by the Committee on Codes that were passed by the Assembly, see Appendices D and E.

This bill would revise arbitration rules concerning multiple-party arbitration. The court may impose monetary sanctions against a drafting party that materially breaches an arbitration agreement by ordering the drafting party to pay reasonable expenses.

Post Purchase Subscription Service Fees.

A.9062-B (Magnarelli) / S.8393-B (Skoufis); Consumer Affairs and Protections; Passed Assembly.

This bill would amend the General Business Law to prohibit motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers from charging a subscription service or post-purchase fee for certain functions of a motor vehicle after it has been sold. Requires that any manufacturer, dealer, or agent of a manufacturer or dealer that fails to comply shall be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 per point of sale for each violation.

Notice to Lessees.

A.10003 (Zebrowski) / S.9260 (Parker); Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Passed Assembly.

This bill would require that any entity that leases excavation equipment provide notice to lessees about their responsibilities under state law. Failure to comply with any provision of this article shall subject an excavator or operator to a Civil Penalty up to \$2,500 for the first violation.

IV. Codes Budget Highlights from State Fiscal Year 2024-25

A. Fiscal Highlights

The Assembly restored funding for the following programs:

- \$4.2 million in Legal Services Assistance Fund (LSAF) support as follows:
 - \$2.83 million for civil and criminal legal services grants; and
 - \$1.37 million for various legal and domestic violence grants
- \$609,000 in domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services support;
- \$600,000 for immigrant legal services;
- \$2.1 million for the New York State Defenders Association;
- \$2.1 million for Prisoners' Legal Services;
- \$609,000 in domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services support;
- \$400,000 for Neighborhood Legal Services;
- \$300,000 for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant legislative allocations.

In addition to restoring funding for existing programs, the Assembly provided additional funding to support criminal justice programs, including:

- \$300,000 in additional funding for rape crisis centers, which included an additional \$153,000;
- \$3.3 million to support criminal justice programs, including re-entry programs, community dispute resolution centers, community-based organizations, transitional housing, civil or criminal legal services, and crime prevention program.

The Legislature also provided:

- An additional \$80 million to support the implementation of criminal justice discovery reforms, bringing total funding to \$120 million;
- An additional \$40 million in funding for Aid to Defense;
- \$3.5 million for services and expenses of criminal and/or civil legal services in counties outside of the City of New York;
- A new \$10 million for services and expenses of local and state law enforcement associated with enforcing and investigating extreme risk protection orders (ERPO);
- \$1.5 million for services and expenses of gun violence prevention, street outreach, anti-violence shooting/violence reduction programs managed by local governments and/or community based non-for-profits service providers;
- \$7.2 million for services and expenses of community safety and restorative justice programs;
- \$750,000 for the cost of conducting a study on Missing Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Women and Girls;
- \$50 million in capital funding for equipment, services, expenses, and grants related to the acquisition and development of technology to support discovery, including but not limited to, equipment, software, hardware, and consulting services.

B. Article VII Highlights

The 2024-25 SFY enacted budget included Article VII language to:

- Create the crime of assault on a retail worker, which is a class E Felony.
- Create the crime of fostering the sale of stolen goods, which is a class A Misdemeanor.
 - A person is guilty of fostering the sale of stolen good when such person, for financial gain;
 - Uses any website or physical location to offer unlawfully obtained materials for sale; and
 - The individuals knew or should have known such retail goods or merchandise were stolen or unlawfully obtained.
- Add offenses to the specified offenses in the hate crime statute.
 - Directs the Chief Administrator of the Courts to record whether a hate crime was charged in the reporting materials they publish.
 - Added additional qualifying offenses:
 - Gang assault in the 2nd
 - Gang assault in the 1st
 - Criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation
 - Aggravated murder
 - Murder in the 1st
 - Sexual misconduct
 - Rape in the 3rd
 - Rape in the 2nd
 - Criminal sexual act in the 3rd
 - Criminal sexual act in the 2nd
 - Forcible touching
 - Persistent sexual abuse
 - Sexual abuse in the 3rd
 - Sexual abuse in the 2nd
 - Aggravated sexual abuse in the 4th
 - Aggravated sexual abuse in the 3rd
 - Sex trafficking
 - Sex trafficking of a child
 - Falsely reporting an incident in the 3rd
 - Falsely reporting an incident in the 2nd
 - Falsely reporting an incident in the 1st
 - Criminal possession of a weapon in the 2nd
 - Criminal possession of a weapon in the 1st
- Harassment of Transit Employees -Amend aggravated harassment in the second degree to include striking, shoving, kicking, or other physical contact with employees of transit agency or authority while such individual is performing an assigned duty.

- Section 1 of this new part amends Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd Degree (class A misdemeanor) to include striking, shoving, kicking, or other physical contact with employees of a transit agency or authority while such individual is performing an assigned duty.
 - Includes spitting on person.
 - Section 2 of this new part amends Assault in the 2nd Degree (class D felony) to include a “traffic checker” as covered employee of a transit agency or authority. Additionally, adds references to “ferry” and “ferry station” which are locations where employees of transit agency or authority likely to be performing an assigned duty.
 - Does not include spitting on person.

- Make a technical fix to “Rape Is Rape”, A.8558 (Cruz)
 - This part amends the Criminal Procedure Law
 - The language adds “vaginal sexual contact, oral sexual contact, anal sexual contact” to section §722.23 (removal of adolescent offenders to family court).
 - Rape Is Rape legislation consolidated the sexual offenses of Criminal Sexual Acts within the Rape statutes. The changes included updated statutory definitions of terms.

- Aggregation of Thefts
 - Amends larceny to allow for the aggregation of stolen property when the value exceeds one thousand dollars and is stolen pursuant to a common scheme or plan.
 - Aggregation is currently allowed when the property is stolen from the same owner.
 - This bill would allow Aggregation of stolen retail goods, regardless of whether the goods were stolen from the same owner.

- Amend Cannabis Enforcement legislation to include:
 - Allows OCM to padlock illegal cannabis businesses. Egregious actors would be padlocked immediately, all others would be padlocked on second inspection. The business would have 7 days to request a hearing to appeal. If a hearing is requested, the hearing would be held within 3 days and a decision would be rendered in 4.
 - Amends the crime of obstructing governmental administration if a person damages or removes a padlock or other device with intent to violate an order issued by a government entity, which is a class A misdemeanor.
 - Establishes that mutilation or removal of a posted order while it is in effect shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or a class B misdemeanor.
 - Increases civil penalties for refusing to allow a regulatory inspection - first refusal from \$4,000 to \$8,000 and a second or subsequent refusal from \$8,000 to \$15,000.
 - Amends the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law to mandate that a landlord evict a commercial tenant if they operate a business that is “customarily or habitually” used for illegal cannabis sales.

APPENDIX A: 2024 CODES COMMITTEE WORKLOAD SUMMARY

2024 SUMMARY SHEET

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 10

<u>ASSEMBLY</u> <u>SENATE</u> <u>TOTAL</u>		
<u>BILLS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLE TO:

	0	0	0
Codes	0	0	0
Judiciary	42	0	42
Ways and Means	82	0	82
Rules	46	0	46
Floor	170	0	170
TOTAL			

COMMITTEE ACTION

Held For Consideration	38	0	38
Defeated	0	0	0
Enacting Clause Stricken	24	0	24
REMAINING IN COMMITTEE	729	65	794

BILLS REFERENCE CHANGED TO:

TOTAL	0	0	0
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APPENDIX B: CODES LAWS OF 2024

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.362-A	459	Bronson	Grants peace officer status to officers and members of the security force employed by Rochester Regional Health on the campuses and facilities of Rochester General Hospital and Unity Hospital.
A.1774	503	Rosenthal	Deems individuals who are under the supervision of a local probation department as being incapable of consenting to sex with an employee of that local probation department who, as part of their employment, has ever supervised such individual.
A.2882	428	Dinowitz	Requires firearms dealers to post and provide written warnings to purchasers of dangers posed by access to weapons in the home and provides the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
A.3502	648	Vanel	Directs the Superintendent of the State Police to develop and institute child-sensitive arrest policies and procedures for instances where police are arresting an individual who is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child.
A.4714	462	Lavine	Repeals the crime of adultery, which is a class B misdemeanor.
A.4737-B	613	Lavine	Includes medical and health insurance information within the definition of identity theft.
A.5873	427	Lavine	Requires temporary extreme risk protection orders and final extreme risk protection orders be reported to and placed in the existing statewide computerized registry of orders of protection and warrants of arrest.
A.6138	153	Rosenthal	Amends the Court of Claims Act, General Municipal Law, and Education Law to exempt

			claims revived under the adult survivors act from the requirement to file a notice of claim.
A.6738-A	232	Tague	Permits certain defendants in a criminal action in Delaware, Otsego or Schoharie County to appear electronically, with the approval of the court.
A.7495	622	Lavine	Allows a court to issue a protective order where good cause exists for the disclosure of the names of jurors.
A.7555-A	123	Fahy	Amends the definition of “Qualified Product” in the General Business Law relating to prohibiting the sale, manufacture, import or marketing of such product in the state.
A.7717-B	425	Wallace	Allows a law enforcement agency to be listed as the petitioner in lieu of the police officer's name when petitioning for an extreme risk protection order.
A.8425	481	Bores	Updates terminology from “Kung Fu star” to “throwing star” or “shuriken” in the Penal Law.
A.8556	89	Reyes	Amends a chapter of the laws of 2023 to ensure the Department of health is able to share deidentified information in regards to a public health emergency or imminent threat with the consent of the patient, as necessary to the federal government and other states and as required for federal funding sources.
A.8558	23	Cruz	Amends various sections of law clarifying references to the repealed sections of law to ensure continued ability to prosecute and avoid interruption in the procedural process of those crimes.
A.8849	545	Sayegh	Amends aggravated harassment in the second degree to include the removal of religious clothing article or headdress of a person.
A.8569	69	Chandler-Waterman	Amends a chapter of the laws of 2023 to amend the definition of mass shooting, clarify that the powers and duties of the Office of Victim

			Services (OVS), and clarify who can receive funds from the OVS.
A.9836	285	Barclay	Authorizes Oswego County to hold electronic appearance at a hearing or trial.
A.9931	279	Bronson	Authorizes the court, in its discretion, to conduct electronic appearance in connection with a criminal action in Monroe County.
A.10053-A	429	Simon	Amends the General Business Law to require reasonable steps to prevent the installation and use of pistol converter.
A.10105-B	636	Berger	Amend the Penal Law definition of mental health care provider to include any mental health care practitioner or mental health professional licensed.
A.10356-A	432	Benedetto	Requires notice of safe storage of firearms and child access prevention with every issuance of a gun license. Additionally, requires DCJS to conduct a public awareness campaign on safe storage of firearms and child access prevention.

APPENDIX C: DUAL REFERENCED LAWS OF 2024

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.28-C	540	Rosenthal	Requires restaurants that offer online delivery services to post a link on their website displaying the restaurant's most recent health department inspection grade.
A.402-B	436	Rozic	Includes parking lots in the reckless driving statute.
A.1010-B	536	Weprin	Amends the General Business Law to prohibit altering, mutilating, destroying the expiration date, label or packaging of any OTC drug or cosmetic.
A.1244-D	639	Jacobson	Prohibits board of election employees from engaging in or participating in any trade or business that creates an actual or potential conflict of interest.
A.1910-B	201	Zinerman	Requires retailers of electric bikes powered by lithium-ion batteries to provide customers with an operating manual.
A.3120-A	433	Magnarelli	Increase the penalty for overtaking and passing a school bus to \$1,500.
A.3132-A	226	Lupardo	Authorizes the direct interstate and intrastate shipments of liquor, cider, mead and/or braggot by licensed manufacturers to a New York State resident who is at least 21 years of age, for personal use and not for resale.
A.3746	334	Eichenstein	Establishes civil penalties for any public utility company or corporation that knowingly make a false material statement, representation, or certification to the commission.
A.3780-E	643	Fahy	Requires new construction of residential and privately owned commercial buildings to include electric vehicle charging stations.

A.4130	672	Fahy	Authorizes short-term rentals in multiple dwellings and multiple residences, create a statewide registration system with the Department of State for short-term rentals in municipalities that do not have their own registration system, and allow for the collection of sales and local occupancy taxes.
A.4938-D	195	Dinowitz	Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, sale of lithium-ion batteries intended for use with micro mobility vehicles (e.g. e-bikes) unless the batteries have been certified by an accredited testing laboratory for compliance with appropriate safety standards.
A.5631-E	676	Reyes	Requires model management companies to register with the state of New York and prohibit model management companies from collecting fees, accommodation charges, payment deductions, contract renewal, or omission fees.
A.6146-B	302	Buttenschon	Requires agencies to develop a policy to provide notification to public employees if the agency is responding to a request of the employee's disciplinary records.
A.6789-B	640	Lee	Requires social media companies to inform all users of the existence and contents of the terms of service.
A.6957-A	559	Dinowitz	Requires car washes to disclose when promotions expire.
A.7081-B	580	Magnarelli	Amends the central NY regional market authority to provide that the board work cooperatively and in consultation with the Dept of Ag and Markets to develop a plan for future viability of agriculture and regional market facilities in the district.
A.8304-B	386	Weprin	Authorizes licensed wireless communication equipment vendors to sell policies of wireless communication equipment insurance with service contracts under wireless communications equipment protection plans.

A.8310-C	202	Eachus	Require electric-bike retailers to supply a notice affixed to such bikes, informing the purchaser that electric-bike cannot be operated on sidewalks or highways at speeds over 30 MPH.
A.8450-B	198	Bores	Requires limited use motorcycles sold by a dealer be registered at the time of sale.
A.8487	94	Hevesi	Amends the expungement or sealing of certain records in persons in need of supervision (PINS) cases in the family court, as established by a chapter of the laws of 2023.
A.8491	79	Magnarelli	Requires certain trains and locomotives to have a crew size of not less than two persons.
A.8499	100	Clark	Amends a chapter of the laws of 2023 relating to the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974 by allowing a municipality to impose a civil penalty or fee on an owner who refuses to participate in a vacancy survey or who knowingly and intentionally submits false vacancy information regarding a vacancy survey.
A.8506	95	Rosenthal	Amends a chapter of the laws of 2023 relating to the NYC administrative code and the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974 relating to landlords increasing rent for rent stabilized units.
A.8528	70	Rozic	Amends a chapter of the laws of 2023 as well as instruct the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to create a model sign that may be used to inform and warn individuals about potential scams such as 'skimming' of electronic benefit cards.
A.8535	98	Bronson	Amends the "freelance isn't free act", as established by a chapter of the laws of 2023.
A.8541	72	Wallace	Amends a chapter of the Laws of 2023 that assures access to toilet facilities for utility workers.
A.8544	102	Gallagher	Amends a chapter of the Laws of 2023 regarding the beneficial ownership disclosure requirements of limited liability companies

A.8557	434	Magnarelli	Requires persons 8 years and older who are passengers on a charter bus to be restrained by a safety belt.
A.8571	107	Glick	Amends the "Birds and Bees Protection Act" which prohibits the sale and use of corn, soybean or wheat seeds coated or treated with certain pesticides, as established by a chapter of the laws of 2023.
A.8834-B	126	Weprin	Prohibits discrimination against individuals who were prescribed pre-exposure prophylaxis medication for HIV prevention with respect to insurance coverage.
A.8872-A	647	Sayegh	Requires businesses to disclose a data breach to the public such disclosure must be within fifteen days of the discovery of the breach.
A.8907-A	652	Bronson	Require employers to establish and implement an injury reduction program designed to identify and minimize the risk of musculoskeletal injuries and disorders among workers involved in performing manual materials handling tasks.
A.8913	627	Epstein	Requires the superintendent of DFS to create a student debt registry.
A.8939-B	628	Bronson	Requires that successors of contracts with governmental bodies providing call center services retain the employees of the predecessor's contract for a trial period.
A.8947-C	308	Reyes	Establishes the retail worker safety act requiring retail worker employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence.
A.9265-A	304	Bronson	Requires contractor and subcontractors employed by the state to submit monthly records, in an electronic format, of their payrolls or transcripts to the fiscal officer.
A.9330-A	353	Burdick	Amends the General Business Law to clarify that all vendors selling a home with an individual

			sewage disposal system are to provide a copy of the health pamphlet created by the Department of Health to vendees.
A.9616-C	634	Rosenthal	Requires that vehicle manufacturers and/or dealers terminate an individual's access to remote vehicle technology upon request by domestic violence victims.
A.9888-C	292	McDonald	Requires gates around a swimming pool enclosure to be self-closing and self-latching.
A.10215-A	601	Bores	Requires online third-party food service reservation apps to obtain a written agreement from a food service establishment prior to listing the restaurant on the platform for seating reservations.
A.10342	369	Burgos	Establishes business interruption insurance for the damage to insured or neighboring property, the act or threatened act of violence while the perpetrator is on the premises, or a government order.
A.10344	569	Silitti	Establishes parametric insurance for occurrences of weather-related events.
A.10399	119	O'Donnell	Requires the inspector to annually inspect any vessel operated on privately or publicly owned underground non-navigable water ways.

APPENDIX D: 2024 CODES BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.352-A	Bronson	Designates as peace officers certain employees of the Monroe county sheriff's office serving as court security deputies at Monroe county court facilities.
A.1585	Thiele	Grants court officers in the town of Shelter Island in Suffolk county peace officer status.
A.1591	Thiele	Grants fire marshals in the town of Shelter Island in Suffolk county peace officer status.
A.1715-A	Goodell	Designates the uniformed court officers of the town of Busti, as peace officers.
A.3502	Vanel	Directs the Superintendent of the State Police to develop and institute child-sensitive arrest policies and procedures for instances where police are arresting an individual who is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child.
A.3749-A	Maher	Grants peace officer status to uniformed court officers in the town of Montgomery.
A.4256	Zebrowski	Relates to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft.
A.4737-B	Lavine	Adds medical and health insurance information within the definitions of identity theft.
A.5014-A	Gray	Designates certain Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority security personnel as peace officers.
A.5334-A	Palmesano	Grants peace officer status to animal control officers of the county of Schuyler.
A.5371	Bendett	Designates the animal control officer in the town of Sand Lake as a peace officer.
A.5656-A	Levenberg	Designates uniformed court officers in the town of Ossining, county of Westchester as peace officers
A.7495	Lavine	Allows a court to issue a protective order for the disclosure of the names of jurors.

A.8333-A	Bores	Requires the division of criminal justice services to certify the technological viability of personalized handguns and to establish requirements related to the sale of personalized handguns.
A.8609	Solages	Prevents the court from denying or withholding class certification just because the action involves governmental operations.
A.10105-B	Berger	The bill would amend the penal law definition of mental health care provider to include any mental health care practitioner or mental health professional licensed or certified pursuant to title 8 of the education law.

APPENDIX E: 2024 DUAL REFERENCED BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.938-A	Vanel	Requires certain disclosures in advertisements involving virtual tokens.
A.2282	Stirpe	Requires transmitters of money to provide a certain warning to consumers.
A.3073-B	Paulin	Requires persons the ages of 16 or 17 to wear a helmet when riding a class one or class two bicycle with electric assist.
A.3780-E	Fahy	Requires new construction of residential and privately owned commercial buildings to include electric vehicle charging stations for off-street parking spaces/garages unless the building owner is eligible for a waiver under the demonstration of undue hardship.
A.4130-C	Fahy	Authorizes short-term rentals in multiple dwellings and multiple residences, create a statewide registration system with the Department of State for short-term rentals in municipalities that do not have their own registration system, and allow for the collection of sales and local occupancy taxes.
A.4943-A	Epstein	Relates to prohibiting the sale or distribution of expanded polystyrene containers that are designed or intended to be used for cold storage.
A.5631-E	Reyes	Requires model management companies to register with the state of New York and prohibit model management companies from collecting fees, accommodation charges, payment deductions, contract renewal, or omission fees.
A.6789-B	Lee	Requires social media companies to inform all users of the existence and contents of the terms of service.
A.6889-A	Lavine	Relates to arbitration proceedings concerning the location of multiple-party arbitration, the procedure for serving notice of intention to arbitrate, the right to legal representation in arbitration, and regulations regarding

		fees, expenses, and breaches in employment or consumer arbitration.
A.7249	Magnarelli	Provides technical corrections to provisions concerning the adjudication of certain traffic violations; repealer.
A.7680	McMahon	Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court.
A.8872-A**	Sayegh	Requires businesses to disclose a data breach to the public such disclosure must be within fifteen days of the discovery of the breach.
A.8907-A**	Bronson	Require employers to establish and implement an injury reduction program designed to identify and minimize the risk of musculoskeletal injuries and disorders among workers involved in performing manual materials handling tasks.
A.8913	Epstein	Relates to creating a private education debt registry.
A.8939-B	Bronson	Prevents the displacement of call center workers who provide call center services for the government in certain circumstances.
A.9057-C	Lee	Mandates acceptance of the New York city identity card as a primary form of identification at all banking organizations.
A.9062-B	Magnarelli	Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers from charging a subscription fee for certain functions of a motor vehicle after the vehicle is sold.
A.9213-A	Fahy	Relates to financial liability for major facilities, vessels, and railroads.
A.9232-B	Weinstein	Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought.
A.9463	Zebrowski	Relates to the application of certain provisions relating to commercial financing.
A.9616-C	Rosenthal L.	Requires that vehicle manufacturers and/or dealers terminate an individual's access to remote vehicle technology upon request by domestic violence victims.

A.9711	Zebrowski	Enacts the tropical rainforest economic & environmental sustainability act and establishes the supply chain transparency assistance program.
A.10003	Zebrowski	Relates to requiring the display of a notice of responsibilities to protect underground facilities.
A.10140	Glick	Prohibits the taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial and biomedical purposes.
A.10215-A	Bores	Prohibits third-party restaurant reservation services from arranging unauthorized restaurant reservations with food service establishments.
A.10344	Sillitti	Establishes parametric insurance for the occurrence of weather-related events.

APPENDIX F: 2024 CODES BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.8609	Solages	Would prevent the court from denying or withholding class certification just because the action involves governmental operations.
A.9122	Cruz	Would require allegations and/or supporting statements by someone who is not English proficient to be accurately translated to the persons primary language.

APPENDIX G: 2024 DUAL REFERENCED BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>
A.1577-A	Buttenschon	Would modify the duties of the independent developmental disability ombudsman program.
A.1745-A	Dinowitz	Would amend the Public Service Law to improve the handling of consumer complaints by utility companies. It would provide timelines, due process, evidentiary standards and penalties for willful non-compliance on the part of utilities in relation its complaint handling procedures.
A.2740-B	Paulin	Would relate to state agency contracts with not-for-profit corporations.
A.3703	Epstein	Would require advance notice be given to certain government officials and made available to the public prior to the closing of a nursing home.
A.8611	Solages	Would permit groups of individuals or not-for-profit organizations that represent residential or small business customers to apply for reimbursement of costs for reasonable advocate's fees, reasonable expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs in a proceeding before the Public Service Commission.
A.9213-A	Fahy	Would require owners of vessels to establish and maintain with the department evidence of financial responsibilities sufficient to meet the amount of liability; and may not permit the operation of such in the state until after submitting and having such evidence approved.
A.9232-B	Weinstein	Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought.
A.9711	Zebrowski	Would enact the tropical rainforest economic & environmental sustainability act and establishes the supply chain transparency assistance program.
A.9712	Burdick	Would provide that a local government that has implemented a freshwater wetlands protection law, may

		adopt a local law or ordinance to prohibit the application of pesticides to the wetlands it regulates.
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