

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Martin J. Golden

## Statement by Senator Golden on State Senate Passage of Legislation Prohibiting the Sale of Human Organs and Body Parts

MARTIN J. GOLDEN May 23, 2012

Brooklyn – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) has issued the following statement regarding the State Senate's passage of legislation he sponsored, S. 2147A this afternoon that prohibits the sale and purchase of human organs, other than blood and ocular tissue:

Senator Golden stated, "Amid scandals involving the illegal buying, selling and distribution of human tissues by funeral homes and licensed biomedical companies, the State of New York needs to address this problem and create a ban that protects and respects both the deceased, and their families of our State.

Today, the State Senate has approved legislation I have introduced and I call upon my colleagues in the State Assembly to pass this bill this legislative session so to end the practice of disrespecting our dead here in New York."

The bill, A. 10059, is sponsored by Assembly James Brennan (D-Brooklyn).