



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Grisanti Has Six Bills Signed Into Law By Governor

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NYPIRG released the results from a study of the 2013 New York State Legislative Session found that Sen. Grisanti had the most pieces of legislation pass both the Senate and the Assembly when compared to his colleagues from Western New York.

Six of those bills sponsored by Grisanti and passed by both houses were signed by the Governor today. The bills range from dealing with lowering bow hunting registration fees to

pet dealer licensing.

"These laws will greatly help the WNY community, as well as New York State," said Grisanti.

"I would like to thank the Governor for signing these bills into law, and all those that helped bring these bills to shape."

**S697A** requires individuals employed in the supply of central services to hospitals to be certified and undergo continuing education. Central service technicians prepare, distribute and control the sterile and non-sterile items and equipment used in all clinical areas of a hospital. The legislation requires the certification of persons who wish to practice in the central service, and provides certain requirements for such certification. In addition, the bill imposes a continuing education recruitment.

**S1584** adds Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) police officers and Forest Ranger to the list of police officers subject to certain basic requirements, including the requirement of good moral character. Many of the job details of both DEC officers and Forest rangers overlap with the important characteristics of any other police officer in NYS. After researching the similar characteristics, it is only a natural course of action to legally consider these officers as "police officers." This legislation ensures these officers should be subject to certain basic requirements, including the requirement of good moral character to the same extent that all other police officers are.

**S3955A** requires administrative hearings be held to determine whether a pet dealer license should be suspended or revoked after a certain pattern of failed inspections has occurred in order to protect dogs and cats from abusive treatment by pet dealers. This legislation mandates an administrative hearing after three failed inspections in a row or three failed inspections within a three year period. By requiring hearings, those who have a pattern of being out of compliance with the laws that apply to the care of animals, will have their licenses suspended or revoked in a timely way, preventing them from further mistreating the animals in their care.

**S4894** extends the enacting language for the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor. The Corridor is rich in African American History and has been nationally recognized for its unique cultural resources and historically significant buildings. This two block area has been center stage in the epic history of Buffalo's black community.

**S4997** decreases fees for a bow hunting license for persons aged 15 years and under.

**S5142** authorizes the town of Hamburg to alienate certain parklands so that they may install an underground private sanitary sewer line to connect to the existing public sanitary sewer infrastructure. The Town of Hamburg has requested legislation that would allow them to alienate parkland for the greater purpose of installing a sanitary sewer for a project being undertaken in the Town of Hamburg.

If you have any questions regarding any of these bills, feel free to call the Senator's office at 716-854-8705, or email [grisanti@nysenate.gov](mailto:grisanti@nysenate.gov).