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## Senator Marchione Clears Red Tape for Schuylerville Library

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The Schuylerville Library's board of trustees was concerned about having to raise property taxes over the 2% property tax cap due to a regulatory requirement that a master's certified librarian be employed at the facility.

The current librarian is in the process of obtaining her master's degree but State Education Department mandates that a certified librarian be employed at state chartered libraries. The Department had issued a temporary waiver that trustees believed was about to expire.

Trustees contacted Senator Cathy Marchione's office for help cutting through the state's red tape concerning libraries. Senator Marchione contacted the Education

Department on behalf of the Schuylerville library and secured a waiver to be in-place for another four-years, excluding the library from employing a master's certified librarian at substantial added cost. The current librarian will be able to obtain her master's degree within the time period and Schuylerville tax payers will not see a significant tax increase due to Senator Marchione's intervention.