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Addabbo joins with Senate colleagues to provide remainder of legislative salary to the family of deceased Queens Assemblymember Michael Simanowitz

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In an effort to aid the family of the late Queens Assemblymember Michael Simanowitz, NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. joined with his Senate colleagues to pass legislation (S.7428) to provide the legislator's widow, Jennifer, with the remainder of his annual legislative salary.

"We were all deeply saddened when Assemblyman Simanowitz passed away, and our hearts went out to his wife and family," said Addabbo. "I considered Mike a friend and a dedicated legislative colleague. I am glad the Legislature is taking

action to lend a helping hand to Jennifer and their children. While nothing will ever bring back their beloved husband and father, this legislation will at least provide Mike's family with some financial support."

Simanowitz, who passed away in September at the age of 45, left behind his wife and four children. The family will receive an amount which represents what the Assemblymember would have earned in the Legislature from the time of his death to the end of 2017. Similar bills have been approved in the past for the families of legislators who pass away while serving in office.

The legislation has also been approved by the State Assembly, and will now be sent to Governor Cuomo for his consideration.

related legislation

[2017-S7428](#)

- Introduced
  - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Vetoed By Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Relates to making appropriation to pay Jennifer Simanowitz, widow of the late Michael A. Simanowitz, member of the Assembly, the balance due of his unpaid annual compensation for a portion of the year 2017](#)

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