



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

# **New Law Allows Judges to Impose Community Service for Local Crimes**

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announces legislation (S.8272A/A.5539B) to allow municipalities to impose community service as a penalty for local crimes has been signed into law. The bill, sponsored by Senator Gallivan, amends the law governing what punishments can be imposed for violations of local law. Previously, a judge in these cases was only allowed to impose a civil penalty, fine, forfeiture or imprisonment.

"This legislation will give judges more discretion when determining the type of punishment for violation of a local law," Senator Gallivan said. "In certain cases, community service may be the most appropriate sentence to be imposed and this legislation gives judges and municipalities that option. I have heard from many local officials who support the bill."

The law also states that such community service must not result in the displacement of employed workers or take place in any establishment involved in any labor strike or lockout.

The legislation was also sponsored by Assemblyman David Weprin (D, Queens). The governor signed the bill on Friday.

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## **related legislation**

### **[2017-S8272A](#)**

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- Introduced
    - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Provides for community service as one of the punishments for the violation of a local law in a municipality](#)

April 25, 2018

Senate Floor Calendar

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Do you support this bill?