

## Senator James Sanders Jr. Stands up for Veterans and Domestic Violence Victims

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Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway), last week made important strides in serving and protecting veterans as well as victims of domestic violence, with three key pieces of his legislation, passed by the senate in a single day – May 14, 2019.

**S. 2113 - Expanding Licensed Veterans Employment**: This bill will permit veterans who are licensed to practice a profession in another jurisdiction to practice their profession in New York State while their application to practice their profession in New York State is being

processed.

**S. 2283A - Veterans Help and Crisis Line**: This bill will provide a toll-free telephone number for use as a help and crisis line to assist veterans.

"Our veterans have made incredible personal sacrifices to protect the rights and freedoms we enjoy," said Sanders, who is a Marine Corps veteran. "It is our duty to make their ability to transition into a productive life when they come back home as painless as possible. The Veterans help/crisis line legislation and the veterans' transferable professional licensing legislation, help to make that productive transition a reality."

**S.2224-B - Domestic Violence Advocate-Victim Privilege:** This bill will establish that domestic violence advocates may not disclose any communication made by a client to the advocate except in certain, limited circumstances.

"Domestic violence has no place in New York State," Sanders said. "It is our responsibility as citizens and lawmakers to ensure that we provide protections and support against this horrendous crime. The legislation that will pass to assist victims of domestic violence and sex crimes was created to better address this crime and provide greater protections for New Yorkers against domestic violence."