



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Gallivan's Votes in the NYS Senate for Week of March 2, 2020

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The bills listed below were voted on in the New York State Senate. The legislation is listed by bill number and includes a short description, followed by Senator Gallivan's vote.

1558-A To authorize the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to identify and lease vacant, at-risk structures in state parks and state historic sites to private persons to encourage investment of private resources to rehabilitate and maintain such structures pursuant to a plan approved by the state board for historic preservation. Establishes a State Resident Curator Program to define the at-risk structures for which the office may enter into resident curator lease agreements, and requires consultation with the state board for historic preservation for programmatic determinations. AYE

3804-A Creates the New York Farm to School and School Garden Fund; allows individuals to make a gift on their personal tax form for such fund; such fund will be used to establish school gardens and purchase equipment and educational materials to promote students' consumption of local products conducted in cooperation with the department of agriculture & markets. AYE

1544 Requires commercial service airports owned or operated by the Port Authority or a local authority, county, city, town or village to provide a room or other location in each passenger terminal behind the airport security screening area for persons to express breast milk in private. Such location must include: (1) at a minimum, a chair and an electrical outlet; (2) be located outside of a public restroom; and (3) include a sink (this requirement only applies to airports that have constructed a new terminal or have renovated, replaced or expanded an existing terminal). AYE

251 Directs the Department of Agriculture and Markets to increase the number of regional farmers' markets for the direct marketing of foods and produce produced in the state. AYE

2069 Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Markets to aid in the promotion of New York grown farm products for holiday celebrations by providing information about New York growers to vendors who sell such products and to municipalities where vendors sell them on sidewalks or lots or streets. AYE

5437 The bill would amend the Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) to define agriculture custom operators and include them within entities eligible for agriculture

protections. AYE

3664-B Prohibits insurance companies from charging different rates for disability insurance on the basis of gender. B print amends effective date until January 1, 2022. AYE

7013 Authorizes the manufacture and sale of ice cream and other frozen desserts made with liquor. AYE

7334 Permits Iglesia La Luz Del Mundo, Inc. to file an application with the Nassau County Assessment Office for a retroactive property tax exemption for 2017-2018 school taxes and 2018 general tax rolls. AYE

7556-A EXTENDER BILL - Extends the expiration date authorizing the New York Botanical Garden to charge a fee for admission by the general public to help sustain the organization's operations and botanical exhibits until 2030 (from 2020). AYE

3873-A Allows BOCES to establish and encourage young farmer agriculture apprentice programs for students. Clarifies that BOCES may establish these programs based upon local interest and with approval of the BOCES board. AYE

4655 Establishes a one-stop farming hotline (toll-free) with the Cornell cooperative extension. Provides farmers with access to essential and valuable information on all aspects of farming, namely, tax credit programs, beginning farmer loans, and sustainable practices. AYE

5822-A Permits farmers' markets in state and local parks provided that the market does not harm the natural environment or integrity of the park. AYE

6653 Establishes a temporary New York craft beverage permit for all New York state manufactured liquor, spirits, wine, beer, cider and mead for events located in a municipality with a population of less than one million. Allows licensed New York state farm distilleries, breweries, cideries, wineries, or meaderies to apply for temporary 24-hour permits from the SLA at outdoor or indoor gatherings, functions, occasions or events located in a municipality with less than one million people. Charges a fee of \$50 to apply for this permit. AYE

6773 Increases the amount of the farm workforce retention credit from \$600 to \$800 per farm employee in the taxable year beginning January 1, 2021. Increases the

tax credit beginning January 2022 to \$1200 per eligible employee. Removes the January 2022 sunset on the credit. AYE

1146-A Requires an electronic version of a town clerk's sign-board on a town website and a link to the sign-board to appear on the town website's homepage if the town maintains a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection. A town shall not be required to maintain an electronic signboard should the town incur additional costs. AYE

4504-A Increases the homestead exemption amount from civil judgments in certain counties (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam) in this state from \$50,000 to \$250,000. NAY (Does not apply to all counties.)

1632-A Prohibits the operation of any motor vehicle (except for authorized emergency vehicles and public transportation vehicles) equipped with a traffic-control signal pre-emption device; provides that the possession of such a device shall constitute a traffic infraction, use thereof is a class A misdemeanor and use which results in personal injury or death shall constitute a class E felony. Further, it prohibits the purchase, manufacture, or installation of such product. AYE

4336 Provides that no person 16+ shall be a passenger in a seating position in a motor vehicle unless such person is restrained by a safety belt approved by the Commissioner of the D.M.V. NAY (Infringes on free choice.)

6229 This bill amends the Transportation law to add certain member and update the titles of certain appointees to the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Rural Public Transportation. The bill adds the Commissioner of the Office Of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, the Commissioner of the Office for Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Executive Director of the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs, the Commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services. The bill also reduces the number of voting members appointed by the legislature who are transportation providers or consumers representing rural counties by one, while adding a representative of a labor union affiliated with rural public transportation systems receiving public transportation systems as a voting member. The bill establishes that the rest of the members will serve in an advisory capacity. AYE

2936 Authorizes the date of the public hearing to discuss the contents of the proposed budget of fire, fire alarm, and fire protection districts to be held during the

third week of October, instead of the third Tuesday in October. AYE

5895 Increases the number of years of service that a participant in a defined benefit contribution plan or defined benefit plan service award program (for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers) may receive a contribution from the current 40 years to 50 years. AYE

3652 Designates lay individuals as one-day marriage officiants in order to solemnize marriages. AYE

1549-A Includes complete streets design features in resurfacing, maintenance and pavement recycling projects that are subject to the department of transportation's oversight. NOTE - potential unfunded mandate. NAY (An unfunded mandate on municipalities.)

1643 Increases fines for intentionally dumping snow onto a handicapped parking space. The fine would increase from \$25 to \$125 for the first offense and from \$100 to \$250 for the second and any subsequent offense. Authorizes local governments to establish higher fines than what is identified above but no higher than \$250-\$450 depending on the number of repeat offenses. AYE

2773 Requires the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York City Transit Authority to implement certain standards issued by the society for protective coatings pertaining to applying and removing coatings from bridges, trestles, and elevated subway and railway tracks and stations. AYE

3450-B Requires the display of a motor carrier's valid operating authority, inspection information and the driver's credentials prominently for ease of reference by passengers. Also changes the review of a bus driver's files by the DMV from every three years to annually. Doesn't apply to school buses or buses operated by a transit authority or municipality. AYE

3557 Authorizes the DMV Commissioner to impose higher civil penalties upon motor carriers for failure to report to the Commissioner violations, including driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an incident, reckless driving, or a felony involving the use of a motor vehicle by bus drivers employed by such carrier. AYE

6094-A Creates the crime of "endangerment of a highway worker." Creates a public education and outreach program to increase motorist awareness about the

importance of highway work zone safety. Increases penalties for endangerment of a highway worker, promotes work zone safety awareness, and establishes a Work Zone Safety Fund. AYE

1951 Requires the office of court administration to promulgate certain housing court documents in the seven most common languages in the city of New York. AYE

1795 Includes in the health care and wellness education and outreach program certain chronic illnesses which primarily affect women and for which there are no diagnostic tests or cures including, but not limited to, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia; requires the establishment of an advisory council for such illnesses. AYE

5093 This bill requires mental health and health care professionals to provide and the State Education Department (SED) to collect such information and documentation, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), as is necessary to enable DOH to evaluate access to needed services in NYS, including, but not limited to, the location and type of setting in which the professional practices and all other information SED deems relevant. DOH would then be required to make the information publicly available on its website. AYE

7300B The bill amends the Executive law to provide the ability of the Secretary of State to investigate any complaint from a county stating that a local government within their county is not in compliance with the uniform code. AYE

2296A Allows businesses to use funds received from minority- and women-owned business development and lending program for the purpose of refinancing existing debt. AYE

7364 Removes the sunset of the law prohibiting sale of pre-need funeral insurance. AYE

2176 The bill would authorize the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) to make loans or grants from the Empire State Economic Development Fund to employees of microbusinesses (five employees or less) to take over and continue such a business upon the retirement of the owner. The loans and grants would come from existing ESDC funding sources. AYE

6662 Requires the department of health of the state of New York to conduct a study of the effects of racial and ethnic disparities on infant mortality and prepare and submit a report to the governor and the legislature. AYE

6707 Requires the department of health of the state of New York to conduct a study of the effects of racial and ethnic disparities on breastfeeding rates and prepare and submit a report to the governor and the legislature. AYE

7647 Establishes the underrepresented teachers of tomorrow teacher recruitment and retention program to attract and retain underrepresented certified teachers in schools which have an underrepresentation of underrepresented certified teachers; provides for grants and procedures for applying for such grants and eligibility requirements for fund distribution. AYE