



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Anna M. Kaplan

# **Senator Anna Kaplan Helps Pass Legislation to Combat Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking**

Senator Anna M. Kaplan

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**CARLE PLACE, NY (May 11, 2021)** Today, **Senator Anna M. Kaplan** (D-North Hills) and the Senate Democratic Majority advanced a legislative package to support survivors of domestic violence and combat human trafficking in New York State that builds on the Conference’s continued work to provide greater protections for those impacted by domestic violence and the horrors of human trafficking. This package relieves survivors of domestic violence from utility contracts, expands eligibility for the “Non-Parent” Grant, seizes firearms from perpetrators, expands the statute of limitations on domestic violence claims, aids prosecutors in identifying repeat offenders, and protects the voting records of victims of sexual and domestic violence.

In addition, this legislative package requires public posting of human trafficking information, mandates state contractors to submit human trafficking prevention statements, expands the statute of limitations on human trafficking claims, and establishes human trafficking recognition training for all lodging employees. This package also includes legislation to enact the “New York State Transparency in Supply Chains Act,” and increase the legal marriage age to 18.

**Senator Anna M. Kaplan** said “no community is immune from the scourge of domestic violence and human trafficking, and we must do everything we can to break the cycle of violence, protect survivors, and hold abusers and traffickers accountable. I’m proud to support legislation being passed by the Senate Majority that will strengthen protections for survivors and expand opportunities for justice,

and I applaud the bill sponsors and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins for their leadership on this critically important issue.”

The legislation being passed by the Senate Majority includes:

- **Relief from Contracts:** This bill, [S.1557A](#), sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, allows individuals to break contracts with utility, phone and television providers when fleeing instances of domestic violence.
- **Expand Eligibility for the "Non-Parent" Grant:** This bill, [S.2586](#), sponsored by Senator Jabari Brisport, will remove the requirement of establishing paternity or a child support order for certain applicants or recipients of aid to dependent children.
- **Domestic Violence Records for Prosecutors:** This bill, [S.404](#), sponsored by Senator Alessandra Biaggi, will allow prosecutors to have access to past orders of protection in domestic violence cases so they can charge abusers with criminal contempt if they violated a past order of protection.
- **Seizure of Firearms Following an Order of Protection:** This bill, [S.6363](#), sponsored by Senator Shelley Mayer, requires the court to order a search and immediate seizure of certain firearms when a defendant refuses to surrender firearms upon the issuance of an order of protection.
- **The Phoenix Act:** This bill, [S.3020A](#), sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, will expand the statute of limitations for domestic violence cases.
- **Voter Record Confidentiality:** This bill, [S.1555](#), sponsored by Senator Zellnor Myrie, permits a person who is a victim of domestic violence to have their voter registration records sealed upon delivering an affirmation to a board of elections, instead of applying to court.
- **Sealing Voting Records For Domestic Violence Victims:** This bill, [S.3855](#), sponsored by Senator Tim Kennedy, allows victims of sexual violence protection against their attacker by enabling them to have their voter records sealed in the same manner as victims of domestic violence.
- **Posting Human Trafficking Hotline Information:** This bill, [S.3374](#), sponsored by Senator Jamaal Bailey, requires signs developed by the State Liquor Authority to be posted providing human trafficking information and referral hotline numbers in all establishments selling alcoholic beverages and adult entertainment establishments.
- **State Contractors to Submit a Statement on Human Trafficking:** This bill, [S.1216](#), sponsored by Senator Brian Benjamin, will require all parties

submitting bids for competitively bid state procurement contracts to affirm under penalty of perjury that the goods, work or services will be supplied or performed without doing business with any organization, person or entity engaging in human trafficking and to submit their written anti-human trafficking policy, if any.

- **Statute of Limitation Extension:** This bill, [S.672](#), sponsored by Senator James Sanders, Jr. extends the statute of limitations from 10 years to 15 years to give human trafficking victims more time to file a civil cause of action.
- **Human Trafficking Training and Awareness:** This bill, [S.244A](#), sponsored by Senator Shelley Mayer, will require lodging facilities to provide a human-trafficking recognition training program to all employees.
- **New York State Transparency in Supply Chains Act:** This bill, [S.748](#), sponsored by Senator Alessandra Biaggi, will establish the "New York State Transparency in Supply Chains Act" requiring businesses within the state to disclose their preventative measures against human trafficking.
- **Increases the Age of Consent for Marriage:** This bill, [S.3086](#), sponsored by Senator Senator Julia Salazar, will increase the age of consent for purposes of marriage to the age of eighteen.

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## related legislation

### [2021-S1557A](#)

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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

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[Requires the release of individuals from utility, phone and television contracts in instances of domestic violence](#)

January 13, 2021

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Kevin S. Parker](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **[2021-S2586](#)**

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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
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[Directs the social services district to take no action to establish paternity or a child support order when the applicant or recipient has established good cause to refuse to cooperate](#)

January 22, 2021

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Jabari Brisport](#)

Do you support this bill?

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Aye

Nay

## **2021-S404**

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- Introduced
    - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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• [Enables prosecutors to access orders of protection issued in association with sealed prior domestic violence cases](#)

December 30, 2020

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Alessandra Biaggi](#)

Do you support this bill?

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Aye

Nay

## **2021-S6363**

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

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[Requires the court to order the search for and immediate seizure of certain firearms when a defendant willfully refuses to surrender such firearms](#)

April 26, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Shelley B. Mayer](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **[2021-S3020A](#)**

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- Introduced
    - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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[Enacts the "New York state phoenix act"](#)

January 27, 2021

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Kevin S. Parker](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S1555**

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
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[Relates to the confidentiality of registration records for victims of domestic violence](#)

January 13, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Zellnor Myrie](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S3855**

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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
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[Relates to authorizing registration records of victims of sexual violence to be kept confidential in certain cases](#)

January 31, 2021

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Timothy M. Kennedy](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S3374**

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- Introduced
    - - In Committee Assembly
      - In Committee Senate
    - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
      - On Floor Calendar Senate
    - - Passed Assembly
      - Passed Senate
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[Promotes the education of the human trafficking information and referral hotline to assist persons in freeing themselves from severe acts of sex trafficking](#)

January 29, 2021

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S1216**

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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[Requires state contractors to submit a statement on preventing human trafficking](#)

January 08, 2021

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Brian Benjamin](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S672**

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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[Relates to a civil cause of action for human trafficking](#)

January 04, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [James Sanders Jr.](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S244A**

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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
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[Relates to human trafficking awareness and training for certain lodging facility employees](#)

December 23, 2020

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Sponsored by [Shelley B. Mayer](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S748**

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- Introduced
    - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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[Relates to enacting the "New York State Transparency in Supply Chains Act"](#)

January 04, 2021

In Senate Committee [Consumer Protection](#)

Sponsored by [Alessandra Biaggi](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **[2021-S3086](#)**

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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[Increases the age of consent for purposes of marriage to the age of eighteen; and repeals certain provisions of law relating thereto](#)

January 27, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Julia Salazar](#)

Do you support this bill?

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Aye

Nay