



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Simcha Felder

# **Senator Felder Supports Seniors and New Yorkers with Disabilities**

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(Brooklyn, NY) Senator Simcha Felder and the Senate Democratic Majority recently passed legislation to protect and support elder New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities. The package of legislation passed by the Senate Majority to protect seniors includes:

- **Elder Abuse Prevention Training:** This bill, S.5196B, directs the State Office of the Aging to develop elder abuse prevention training that includes elder abuse detection, reporting, and counseling. Senior service providers are

required to take the training and receive supplemental refresher training every 3 years.

- **Senior Citizen and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption:** This bill, S.4216, will raise the income eligibility limits for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs to \$55,000 beginning July 1, 2021. These programs exempt low income seniors and people with disabilities from rent increases.

“I am honored to support and protect our seniors so that they remain active, independent and continue contributing to our families and communities,” said Senator Simcha Felder. “The bills we passed will create a more age inclusive society and help seniors on fixed incomes enjoy their retirement years in the neighborhoods they know, in the homes they created with love.”

Among the legislation passed by the Senate Majority to help disabled New Yorkers includes:

- **Disability Support Companion:** This bill, S.1035A, allows for the presence of an essential support person for persons with disabilities for the duration of their stay in a general hospital.
- **Retroactive Rent Increase Relief:** This bill, S.3920, will allow applicants who enrolled in the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs after their original date of eligibility to receive a rent reduction beginning with the first day that they became eligible for such benefits.

“I am proud to provide strong support for people with disabilities and their families. The bills we passed improve safety and care, and direct assistance for individuals fighting for their rights,” said Senator Felder. “Our support for people with disabilities is crucial and I take this responsibility to heart.”

## related legislation

[2021-S3920](#)

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- Introduced
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[Provides retroactivity to the original date of eligibility in certain cases for the senior citizens rent increase exemption \(SCRIE\) and disability rent increase exemption \(DRIE\)](#)

February 01, 2021

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [James Sanders Jr.](#)

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## **2021-S1035A**

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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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[Prohibits general hospitals from disallowing individuals with disabilities from having an essential support person accompany them for the duration of their hospitalization](#)

January 06, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.](#)

Do you support this bill?

## [2021-S4216](#)

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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 tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by and real property owned by senior citizens or persons with disabilities](#)

February 03, 2021

In Senate Committee [Aging](#)

Sponsored by [Toby Ann Stavisky](#)

Do you support this bill?

## **2021-S5196B**

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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 elder abuse prevention training](#)

February 26, 2021

In Senate Committee [Aging](#)

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