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Toby Ann Stavisky

Senate Passes Stavisky Legislation to Improve Access to Birth Control Medication

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ALBANY- This week, the New York State Senate passed Senate bill 1043, sponsored by Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D- Queens) which is designed to provide improved access to birth control. This legislation will allow pharmacists to dispense birth control medication and devices without a patient specific written prescription from a licensed doctor or nurse practitioner. The patient has to complete a questionnaire that the pharmacist will review to assess any risks to the patient.

"Women in New York State face many obstacles when it comes to accessible birth control," **said Senator Stavisky.** "My bill will enable women, some without a health care provider, to obtain medications. Many women with limited income or who live in rural areas will benefit."

The pharmacist will review all questionnaires before making a decision as to whether or not a hormonal contraceptive is safe and appropriate.