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Statement from State Senator Shirley L. Huntley

"I am pleased that Governor Paterson has signed (S. 6728 Huntley), and the Assembly version (A. 9534) sponsored by Assemblyman Gordon into law," said Senator Huntley. " (D-Jamaica) Disabled individuals are often in a vulnerable position, as they must rely on caregivers for many of their basic needs. I know firsthand how dedicated and loving caregivers are. Not to mention what a demanding job they have. However, as with any group, there are some people who should not be caregivers and must be held accountable. This bill will ensure that disabled individuals are given the same protections that our vulnerable elderly are under the penal law when a caregiver abuses their position."