



**NEW YORK
STATE SENATE
ALCOHOLISM AND
DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE**

**Senator George Amedore
2017 Annual Report**

December 2017

Honorable John J. Flanagan
Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Room 802, LOB
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Majority Leader Flanagan,

I am pleased to submit to you the 2017 Annual Report of the New York State Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Twelve bills were reported out of committee to be considered by the Senate and nine of those bills passed the Senate.

I am proud of this committee's accomplishments and the bipartisan cooperation the members displayed throughout the 2017 legislative year. With this State in the middle of a heroin and opioid epidemic, it is more important than ever for this committee to report out sensible and effective legislation.

I would like to thank the committee members for their support, commitment and cooperation in 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George A. Amedore, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

State Senator George A. Amedore, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee

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The New York state Senate Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse conducted two committee meetings during the 2017 Legislative Session. At these committee meetings, twelve pieces of legislation were reported out of committee. The dates of the committee meeting and last action are as follows:

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

S.27 **Golden** - An act to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to enacting the "Officer Randolph Holder's Law."

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.241 **DeFrancisco** - An act to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the judicial diversion program for certain felony offenders.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.898 **Amedore** - An act to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to authorizing the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to provide funding to substance use disorder and/or compulsive gambling programs operated by for profit agencies.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.902 **Croci** - An act to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the creation of a sober living task force.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.1568 **Avella** - An act to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the use of electronic monitoring for certain participants in judicial diversion programs.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.2317 **Ranzenhofer** - An act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing courts to suspend a driver's license where the holder fails to appear before the court, pay a fine, complete an alcohol awareness program or complete community service within the period of time established by such court.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.2536 **Ranzenhofer** - An act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to imposing additional fines when a person fails to appear before the court, pay fines or complete counseling and/or community service as mandated for certain convictions.

Last Action: Passed Senate

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

S.648 - **Boyle** An act to amend the mental hygiene law and the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to gambling and the creation of a self-exclusion request for removal form.

Last Action: Reported and Committed to Rules

S.1952 - **Klein** An act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to authorizing licensees to confiscate any written evidence of age, which is false, fraudulent or not the presenter's own, offered for the purpose of purchasing an alcoholic beverage.

Last Action: Reported and Committed to Rules

S.1988 - **Klein** An act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to establishing a defense to administrative actions brought by the state liquor authority for providing alcoholic beverages to a person under twenty-one years of age.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.3238 - **Ranzenhofer** An act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to authorizing courts to render default judgments in cases of failure to answer for unlawful possession of an alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume by persons under the age of twenty-one years.

Last Action: Passed Senate

S.4326 - **Lanza** An act to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the distribution in counties with the most prevalent prescription opioid abuse of educational materials regarding the misuse of and addiction to prescription drugs.

Last Action: Reported and Committed to Rules

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