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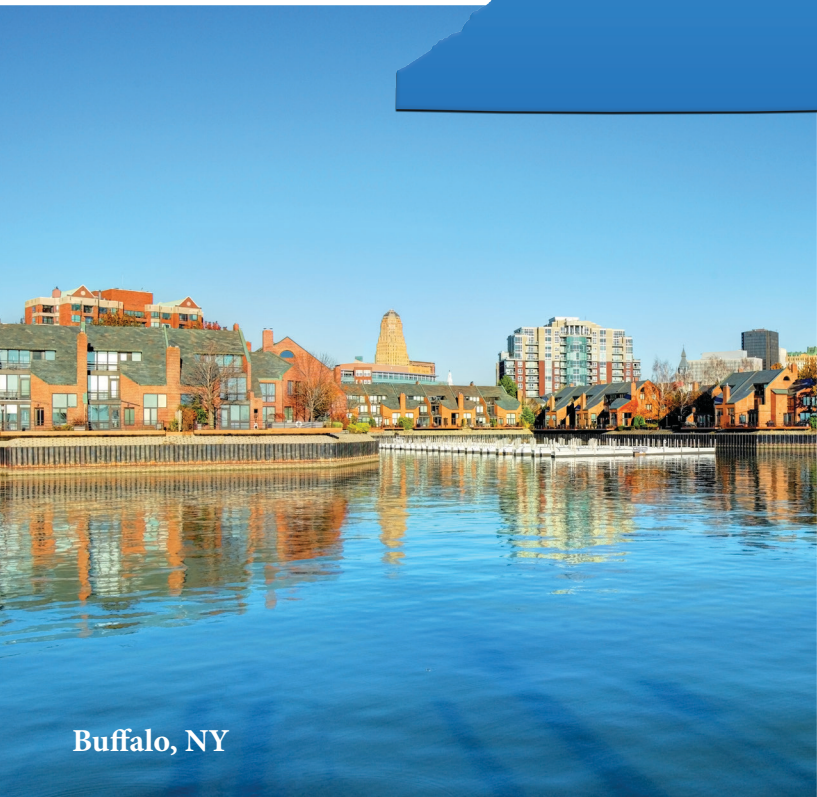
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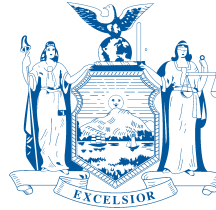
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Senator John J. Flanagan
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Dear Senator Flanagan,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Cities this past year. On behalf of the Cities Committee, I am pleased to submit the 2017 report on the activities of the Committee.

In 2017, 42 bills were reported out of the Senate Cities Committee, seven of which passed both the Senate and Assembly and were signed into law by the Governor. The Cities Committee reported another 18 bills, which passed in the Senate, but did not pass the Assembly. In addition, 17 bills were reported from the Cities Committee but were not enacted in the Senate.

I would like to offer my utmost gratitude to the members of the Committee and their dedication while serving, and to the staff for their judicious advice.

Sincerely,

Simcha Felder, Chair
Cities Committee



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CITIES BILLS CHAPTERED INTO LAW IN 2017

S478B/A7984 (Peralta/Hyndman), Chapter 306. Directs the department of transportation of the city of New York to study and report on its efforts to educate pedestrians and drivers on the dangers of pedestrians being distracted by use of a mobile device.

S1865/A1189 (Lanza/Cusick), Chapter 108. Extends, until December 31, 2018, the authorization of residential property owners in high risk brush fire areas on Staten Island to cut and remove reeds.

S3128/A4068 (Addabbo/Pheffer Amato), Chapter 86. Extends certain prior approved work permits relating to Hurricane Sandy.

S4173A/A7684 (Klein/Nolan), Chapter 313. Directs the department of education of the city of New York to provide information to the public relating to inspections of school kitchens and cafeterias.

S5111/A6662 (Golden/Farrell), Chapter 64. Relates to the sale of bonds and notes of New York City.

S5706/A7603 (Golden/Abbate), Chapter 387. Relates to awards to spouses of certain employees killed in the line of duty.

S6326A/A7962A (Golden/DenDekker), Chapter 503. Relates to clean air taxis.

CITIES BILLS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE & CHAPTERED IN 2017

S1789A/A8166 (Squadron/Niou), Chapter 308. Requires certification notice to tenant when rent is paid by human resources administration.

S6513B/A8508A (Alcantara/Hyndman), Chapter 504. Relates to opportunities in the city of New York for minority and women-owned business enterprises.

S2720/A4818 (Hamilton/Titus), Chapter 484. Directs New York city housing authority to first offer vacant apartments to mobility impaired tenants living on a higher floor.

CITIES LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE SENATE

S1266 (Avella) -- Abolishes the minimum charge for the supply of water by the New York City municipal water finance authority and the New York City water board.

S1288 (Avella) -- Prohibits the city of New York from increasing property taxes where a property's assessed value has decreased in the previous year.

S1576 (Avella) -- Relates to method of payment on delinquent real property taxes, sewer rents, sewer surcharges, water rents, or any other charges that are made alien.

S1931 (Avella) -- Authorizes the transfer of certain pumping stations to the city of New York.

S1990 (Klein) -- Establishes the New York City housing authority repair certificate program to grant zoning benefits to developers which perform capital repairs to housing projects.

S2531 (Golden) -- Relates to commercial rent and occupancy tax; repealer.

S3052 (Serrano) -- Requires New York City to collect discarded recyclable materials at city parks, playgrounds, historic sites and other facilities.

S3241 (Felder) -- Establishes the prohibition against requiring a permit for the singing of the national anthem or the reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

S3314 (Lanza) -- Provides that the New York City health and hospital corporation spend a minimum of 10% of its budget on acute care and emergency room facilities in each borough.

S3868 (Comrie) -- Relates to giving the New York City department of finance discretion to accept late filings.

S4136 (Lanza) -- Authorizes cities having a population of one million or more to provide a rebate of a portion of the real property taxes on owner occupied residential real property.

S4328 (Lanza) -- Relates to false statements in documents submitted to the department of buildings of the city of New York.

S4537 (Helming) -- Authorizes municipal legislative bodies to enact local laws and ordinances providing for mediation of land use decisions.

S4802 (Klein) -- Requires the department of homeless services of the city of New York to provide notice to local public officials relating to homeless shelters and use of hotels for the homeless.

S5916 (Golden) -- Extends certain provisions relating to relocation and employment assistance credits.

S6074 (Felder) -- Extends certain provisions relating to specially eligible premises and special rebates.

S6133 (Felder) -- Prohibits certain surcharges on credit or debit card transactions.

S6271 (Felder) -- Extends the expiration for various provisions of law relating to real property tax exemptions for certain multiple dwellings in a city having a population of one million or more.

REPORTED TO 3rd READING CALENDAR

S1546 (Avella) -- Requires that one of the members of the board of standards and appeals be a financial analyst.

S1634 (Golden) -- Relates to school zone speed limits and signage and other traffic calming devices.

S2535 (Golden) -- Relates to requiring the Department of Homeless Services to notify the affected community board prior to locating transitional housing for the homeless.

S2601 (Lanza) -- Requires the replacement of lighting ballasts and lighting fixtures in buildings in New York City constructed between 1950 and 1978 that are used as schools.

S3539 (Lanza) -- Directs board of standards and appeals in city of New York to mail a copy of each application for a variance to the city and state legislators for the affected land.

S3651 (Felder) -- Provides for the pension benefits for first grade police officers of the city of New York who have served for 25 or 30 years.

S4519 (Montgomery) -- Requires notice to adjoining owners of construction or demolition work.

S5253 (Golden) -- Establishes maximum age requirements for New York City correctional officers.

S5441 (Lanza) -- Relates to the declaration of a sign as a public nuisance and its removal.

S5483 (Golden) -- Affords uniformed personnel of the NYC department of correction and NYC department of sanitation the option of taking a monetary payment in lieu of terminal leave.

S6202 (Lanza) -- Relates to the penalty for unlawfully fleeing a uniformed police officer of the New York City taxi and limousine commission.

REPORTED TO COMMITTEE OF SECONDARY REFERENCE

Finance

S6115 (Felder) -- Extends from December 1, 2020 to December 1, 2024, the expiration of the sales tax exemption for tangible personal property purchased by certain commercial tenants.

Rules

S1418 (Avella) -- Prohibits home improvement contractors from continuing to work on new construction if the home improvement contractor license is revoked.

S1671 (Comrie) -- Requires the city of New York to mitigate property damage caused by environmental issues which are caused by acts or omissions of such municipality.

S4617 (Felder) -- Adds telecommunications services to the energy services company consumers bill of rights.

S6203 (Lanza) -- Provides that the borough of Staten Island shall also be known and designated as the "borough of parks".

S6531 (Felder) -- Requires every person operating a bicycle in the city of New York to wear a helmet.

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