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Senator John J. Flanagan  
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Dear Majority Leader Flanagan:

As Chairman of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and pursuant to Rule VIII, Section 5(d), I am pleased to present the Committee's 2017 Annual Report. The following report details the activities of the Committee, which reported 194 pieces of legislation. I am confident that the legislative proposals taken up by the Committee will help to improve the lives of all New York residents.

In addition to the consideration of various legislative proposals, the committee held and participated in two public hearings. In March 2017, in conjunction with the Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, the Committee heard the concerns and implications of the closure of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant. In October 2017, in conjunction with the Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, the Committee investigated the Equifax data breach and ways the State can strengthen its cyber-security measures.

I want to sincerely thank each member of the Committee for their astute insight and collaboration, especially Ranking Member, Senator Brad Hoylman. I am honored to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to implement constructive policies for New York State.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. I look forward to continuing my role in this capacity to best serve the people of the State of New York.

Best in Health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Terrence P. Murphy".

Dr. Terrence P. Murphy  
Member of the Senate



**NEW YORK STATE SENATE**  
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**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# **NEW YORK STATE SENATE**

## ***Investigations & Government Operations Committee***

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### **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations acts as the principal oversight committee in the New York State Senate focusing on state actions and policies. Pursuant to Section §62-a of the Legislative Law and Senate Rule VIII, the committee has authority to conduct investigations of State entities, examine “any matter,” and compel testimony by subpoena as well as the production of any “book[s] or paper[s]” relative its inquiry.

The Committee has legislative oversight responsibilities on initiatives amending a variety of laws focusing on government operations. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of overseeing State actions and policies. The Committee’s purview covers sections of the Alcohol Beverage Control law, Arts and Cultural Affairs law, Civil Rights law, Executive law, Indian law, Legislative law, Public Authorities law, Public Buildings law, Public Lands law, Public Officers law, State law, Tax law and Office of General Services land transfers in Unconsolidated law.

### **COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

In accordance with Senate Rule VIII governing standing committees, the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations is responsible for reviewing all nominations sent by the Governor for the appointment of any officer to boards, commissions and councils involved in matters before the Committee. Such nominations are submitted by the Governor to the Temporary President of the Senate who then refers such nominations simultaneously to the Investigations and Government Operations Committee and the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation. At the discretion of the Investigations and Government Operations a public hearing may be called on the nomination or, after due consideration, the Committee may vote to refer the nomination to the Senate Finance Committee. Thereafter, the Senate Finance Committee makes its recommendations to the entire Senate. On June 20, 2017, the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations considered the nomination of Anthony Giardina for Commissioner of the Tax Appeals Tribunal, and unanimously recommended to confirm his nomination.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations passed numerous good government, ethics and procurement reform measures, while

delving deep into affecting taxpayers like local tax payments on state land, the late mailing of STAR rebate checks and wasteful spending by state agencies on television ads. The Committee unveiled a whistleblower website for members of the public to report fraud, waste and abuse by state government agencies and public authorities, and to find and eradicate examples of wasteful spending by State government. The Committee also launched an inquiry into staffing levels at the New York State Police in the wake of the state troopers being deployed to the New York City area.<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations conducted three public hearings, and oversaw the reporting of 194 bills during operation the 2017 committee. Of those bills reported the Senate passed 149, eleven of which were chaptered into law, two were vetoed by the governor, and four were reported to calendar but did not pass the Senate.

### CLOSURE OF INDIAN POINT

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations conducted two hearings on the implications of the decision, including the loss of locally produced power, the effects on grid reliability, the need for replacement transmission infrastructure and replacement generation, the loss of local jobs, and the loss of tax revenue to the affected municipal governments.<sup>2</sup>

By addressing the lack of transparency and planning in the decision-making process to close the plant, the Committee's inquiry led to the successful creation of the Indian Point Task Force in the adopted 2017-18 Executive Budget.<sup>3</sup> The Committee also determined the loss of power (200 mW), jobs (1,200) and the loss of \$33 million each year in revenue to the following: Hendrick Hudson School District (\$23 million); Village of Buchanan (\$4million); Town of Cortlandt (1\$ million); and Westchester County (\$4 million) would need to be addressed in the upcoming legislative session.<sup>456</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Luke Moretti. "Some state lawmakers to 'keep an eye' on trooper deployments downstate." WIVB 4. June 26, 2017. Retrieved from <http://wivb.com/2017/06/26/some-state-lawmakers-to-keep-an-eye-on-trooper-deployments-downstate/>

<sup>2</sup> Kate Bennett. "Public Hearing Addresses Local Concerns About Indian Point's Closure." *River Journal*. March 6, 2017. Retrieved from <http://www.riverjournalonline.com/categoryblog/4428-public-hearing-addresses-local-concerns-about-indian-points-closure.html>

<sup>3</sup> Marie J. French. "After meeting with Cuomo officials, senator says he may investigate Indian Point deal." *Politico New York*. January 30, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2017/01/after-meeting-with-cuomo-administration-sen-murphy-says-he-may-investigate-indian-point-closure-109122>

<sup>4</sup> Jared Anderson. "Outrage Swells Over NY State's Handling of Indian Point Nuclear Plant Closure." *Forbes*. March 6, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jaredanderson/2017/03/06/outrage-swells-over-ny-states-handling-of-indian-point-nuclear-plant-closure/#7a61f57f3872>

<sup>5</sup> Jon Campbell. "Six takeaways from Indian Point hearing." *Journal News*. February 28, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/politics-on-the-hudson/2017/02/28/lawmakers-indian-point-shutdown/98499242/>

<sup>6</sup> Lisa W. Foderaro. "Nuclear Plant's Closing Raises New Fears for Jobs and Taxes." *New York Times*. February 28, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/28/nyregion/indian-point-nuclear-plant-closing.html>

## EQUIFAX SCANDAL

On September 7, 2017, Equifax, one of the nation's three major credit-reporting agencies, announced that hackers had breached their security systems. The personal information of 145.5 million Americans was exposed, including credit card numbers for 209,000 people. It was the equivalent of giving criminals carte blanche to make purchases in consumers' names, open credit cards, take out loans - and even drain their bank accounts.

Equifax may have left stunned consumers cutting up their credit cards, but the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Government Operations and Investigations responded to debacle by launching an inquiry to examine the state of cyber-security in New York and suggest steps the State can take to take to better protect its citizens.

More than a half dozen experts attended the hearing, which included discussions and oral testimony on topics such as the danger facing New York State and its commercial enterprises from cyber-attack; information on current best practices to prevent, respond or recover from a cyber-attack, and solutions that the State, local governments and businesses can use to meet the challenge of providing effective cyber-security.<sup>7</sup>

## HUDSON RIVER ANCHORAGES PROPOSAL

In response to an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by the United States Coast Guard in relation to establishing ten new anchorage grounds at various locations along the Hudson River, the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, along with students from Pace University's Environmental Law Policy Clinic, discovered the Coast Guard violated its own administrative procedure by failing to



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<sup>7</sup> Josefa Velasquez. "Credit Reporting Official to Lawmakers: More Cyber Regulations Aren't Needed." *New York Law Journal*. October 24, 2017. Retrieved from [https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/sites/newyorklawjournal/2017/10/24/102417ny\\_cyber/?sreturn=20180022120038](https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/sites/newyorklawjournal/2017/10/24/102417ny_cyber/?sreturn=20180022120038)

conduct a focused Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) and a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) and notify the affected stakeholders.<sup>8</sup> The Committee also uncovered the fact that the United States Coast Guard is required to receive a recommendation from the United States Army Corps of Engineers recommending the establishment of such anchorages prior to issuing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking, which was not done, according to the State Attorney General.<sup>9</sup>

Following a public hearing, the Committee determined that the Coast Guard also failed to observe consultation and consistency review requirements for various state and federal legal designations in and along the river, including the EPA's National Priorities List; various federal and state Essential Fish Habitat and Significant Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitats; the federal-state Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve; the state's Coastal Zone Management Program and Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs; the federal-state Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area program; the Hudson River National Historic Landmark District; and the federal National Heritage River program.<sup>10</sup>

Soon after the release of such information, the Coast Guard withdrew its proposed rule and subsequently launched a PAWSA for the Hudson River.<sup>11</sup>

### REBATE CHECK DELAY

The State has struggled to mail both STAR Tax Credit and Real Property Tax Freeze checks to qualified homeowners in a timely fashion, which has caused tax implications for New York State residents. New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations launched an investigation into the State's failure to mail property tax rebate checks by the statutory deadline.<sup>12</sup> The Committee, acting through the Chairman, launched an inquiry with the Department of Taxation and Finance to ascertain when it expected all checks for the Property Tax Freeze Credit program, the Property Tax Relief Credit program, and the School Tax Relief Credit Program, to be fully processed.

The Committee discovered that the Department of Taxation and finance opted to combine the 2016 freeze credit and 2016 relief credit programs, and issued over 2.1 million combined checks to eligible taxpayers.<sup>13</sup> These programs did not require taxpayer applications. Instead, the

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<sup>8</sup> John Cronin and Mihcelle D. Land. "Coast Guard Suspension of Hudson River Anchorages Is Not Enough." *EarthDesk*. August 10, 2017. Retrieved from <https://earthdesk.blogs.pace.edu/2017/08/10/the-coast-guard-anchorage-suspension-is-not-enough/>

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Kirk Moore. "NY governor promises investigation of Hudson River barge grounding." *WorkBoat*. April 5, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.workboat.com/news/coastal-inland-waterways/ny-governor-promises-investigation-hudson-barge-grounding/>

<sup>11</sup> Robert Kimmel. "Dispute over oil barge anchorage on Hudson heads toward resolution." *The Hudson Independent*. January 2, 2018. Retrieved from <http://thehudsonindependent.com/dispute-over-oil-barge-anchorage-on-hudson-heads-toward-resolution/>

<sup>12</sup> Joseph Spector. "Assembly votes to stop STAR rebate checks." *Journal News*. March 1, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2017/03/01/assembly-votes-stop-star-rebate-checks/98606790/>

<sup>13</sup> Manion, Nonie. "To The Honorable Terrence P. Murphy." 17 February 2017.

Department verified taxpayer income eligibility for these programs using Department records, including social security numbers and other information collected through the Basic STAR registration program and the Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program. The Department also reviewed multiple years of local government data, including assessment rolls and tax bills, from approximately 4,700 taxing jurisdictions in order to verify jurisdiction and taxpayer eligibility and compute the individualized benefit amounts due to each taxpayer.

The Department reported receiving 213,000 registrations, a number which they claim contained numerous erroneous, duplicate and/or premature filings.<sup>14</sup> As of March 2017, the Department had issued approximately 108,000 STAR credit checks, and continued to do so as necessary data was received and verified. Unfortunately, it was discovered by the Committee that there is no specific timeline for processing these three credits.<sup>15</sup> However, sufficient funds were available to pay all anticipated advanced credits.

The Department of Taxation and Finance attempted to address homeowners' concerns by setting up a hotline, but the number was not toll free and callers found themselves frustrated by long waiting periods. Some taxpayers waited more than a year to receive their credit, the investigation learned. The Committee requested that the Department initiate a comprehensive review to provide the necessary resources and support mechanisms to ensure major issues with the program are solved and do not reoccur.<sup>16</sup>

The Committee also recommended more frequent communication between local assessors and the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to ensure that taxpayers register correctly, resolve program issues, and receive their payments on a timely basis. In response, the Department announced that it has improved its system, and has begun working more closely with local assessors.<sup>17</sup> They also stated they were confident all the checks would be sent out on time. The Department improved its online reporting system and has a new online tool to tell residents when the STAR checks are expected to be issued in an area.<sup>18</sup>

### START-UP NEW YORK TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS

As several audits by the State Comptroller have shown, the 2011 state advertising contract for the "New York Open for Business Marketing Initiative" is not producing quantifiable results. The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations recommended to Empire State Development they enact the corrective

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<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> Joseph Spector. "NY rebate checks: When will property-tax relief arrive?" *Journal News*. November 6, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2017/11/06/rebate-checks-when-yours-arrive/107407846/>

<sup>17</sup> Joseph Spector. "Rebate checks: Is yours in the mail yet?" *Journal News*. December 29, 2017. Retrieved <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2017/12/29/rebate-checks-yours-mail-yet/990051001/>

<sup>18</sup> Iris St. Meran. "What's up with the delivery of STAR rebate checks?" *Spectrum News*. January 3, 2018. Retrieved from <http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/whats-up-with-that-cny/2018/01/03/what-s-up-with-the-delivery-of-star-rebate-checks->

action plan proposed by the Comptroller and terminate the contract for the initiative if those conditions are not met.<sup>19</sup>

The Committee discovered that the 2011 "New York Open for Business Marketing Initiative" contract with marketing firm BBDO initially paid for various Empire State Development (ESD) advertising campaigns including Taste-NY, Masterbrand and Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.<sup>20</sup> In 2013, its scope was expanded to include commercials for the Start-Up New York program of tax free zones located on or near college campuses. A report released by ESD said that Start-Up NY created 332 jobs and \$11 million in investment - with 4,100 pledged in the next five years - at a cost of around \$1.2 million in tax incentives.

However, the state spent \$251 million on the marketing contract with BBDO, a large portion of which went to advertising Start-Up NY. In October 2015, the state inked another \$150 million marketing deal with ad firm Campbell Ewald to continue the Open for Business Marketing Initiative.<sup>21</sup>

The Committee suggested to ESD that controls should be put in place to claw back tax incentives from companies that do not meet job creation agreements under this program. Several other recommendations were made echoing the Comptroller's proposals. The Committee recommended that ESD develop strategic plans that include performance measures for monitoring the extent to which marketing efforts have a positive impact on desired outcomes, such as ESD's stated goal of improving the perceptions of New York as a good place to visit and for business development. The Committee also recommended that ESD set specific targets, goals, and benchmarks for evaluating performance outcomes and use these measures to monitor program performance, as well as establish a regular schedule of program evaluations to measure the outcomes associated with marketing efforts and use this information to periodically adjust program goals, strategies, and resource allocations.

### TAXATION OF STATE-OWNED LAND

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations sought answers from the State Office of Real Property Services with regard to what appeared to be a discriminatory policy regarding State-owned land. Although more than three million acres of such lands are taxable, none of the State land in Westchester County is now taxed by a municipality.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Joseph Spector. "Lawmakers rail against lack of oversight on state projects." Journal News. June 7, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2017/06/07/lawmakers-rail-against-lack-oversight-state-projects/102600006/>

<sup>20</sup> Nick Reisman. "Lawmaker Wants START-UP Ad Campaign Suspended." State of Politics. July 6, 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2016/07/lawmaker-wants-start-up-ad-campaign-suspended/>

<sup>21</sup> Erik Oster. "Governor Cuomo Defends Start-Up New York's 'Generic' Ads." Adweek. July 12, 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.adweek.com/agencyspy/governor-cuomo-defends-start-up-new-yorks-generic-ads/112781>

<sup>22</sup> "Publication 1270 (9/11): Taxation of State-Owned Land in New York." State Board of Equalization and Assessment. February 1991. Retrieved from [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/taxation\\_state\\_owned\\_land\\_ny.pdf](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/taxation_state_owned_land_ny.pdf)

An egregious example is the Donald J. Trump State Park Indian Hill Section, split between Westchester and Putnam Counties, which is fully taxable in Putnam Valley, and yet tax exempt in Yorktown. The State's ownership hurts the local tax base and drains services, and yet the benefits of the property are primarily enjoyed by people who live elsewhere.<sup>23</sup>



The Committee requested specific information regarding the tax inconsistencies including whether any comprehensive statewide policy had been studied since the introduction of the current policy in 1996; an explanation of the different type of compensation mechanisms used by New York State to reimburse municipalities who are paying taxes on state owned land; a breakdown of municipalities that receive compensation, including the mechanism of calculation, the type of property and amount paid; and whether ORPS has a plan to implement a standardized policy for taxing state owned land.

The Department of Taxation & Finance's own website states, "at present, New York has a variety of compensation arrangements that have developed in a piecemeal manner over the past century," which does not inspire confidence.<sup>24</sup>

The Committee requested, and was able to receive a response from ORPS, that they would undertake a comprehensive review with respect to this issue. The Committee also put forth legislation to study policies which can be implemented that provide equity to all municipalities grappling with State-owned property.

### TICKET FAIRNESS

With its jurisdiction over certain sections of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations once again extended the 2007 sweeping legal change that decriminalized all resale of tickets for profit, or "scalping," and adopted an approach that sought to treat ticketing as a regulated industry.

New York State law now prohibits engaging "in the business of reselling any tickets to a place of entertainment" within New York State without first procuring a license. Those who resell, offer to resell, or purchase with the intent to resell five or more tickets without a license are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalties. Additionally, the law requires that brokers

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<sup>23</sup> Larry Kaplan. "31% of NY State Land is Tax-Exempt—What Does That Mean?" *NPQ*. October 30, 2016. Retrieved from <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/2016/10/31/31-ny-state-land-tax-exempt-mean/>

<sup>24</sup> "Fact Sheet: New York's Taxable State-Owned Land." NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. Retrieved from [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs\\_and\\_bulls/orpts/factsheettaxstland.htm](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs_and_bulls/orpts/factsheettaxstland.htm)

post a \$25,000 bond with their license application to ensure compliance with the law's provisions and cover damages to their customers from any misconduct.<sup>25</sup>

The law also makes it illegal to use Bots to bypass security measures on the websites of ticket vendors, such as Ticketmaster, or to maintain any interest in or control of such Bots. Anyone who violates these provisions is subject to penalties and the forfeiture of profits.<sup>26</sup>

## WASTEFUL SPENDING

Through the launch of its new "Wasteland" website, the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations identified several examples of wasteful spending by State Government. The \$153 billion 2017 state budget, which was passed late, included \$15 million for the construction of an aerial gondola at the New York State Fairgrounds.<sup>27</sup> The task force charged with modernizing and improving the State fair never recommended a gondola, yet it somehow was included in the list of state fair projects in the 2017 budget. State agencies have withheld records and delayed FOIL requests that could shed some light on the origin of the \$15 million gondola, and how much the annual operating cost would be for taxpayers, should the project ever be completed.<sup>28</sup>

The Committee also discovered New York State spent \$8.1 million on "I Love NY" highway signs which the federal government says are illegal.<sup>29</sup> These signs actually cost \$6.3 million more than the original \$1.76 million estimate by the Department of Transportation, a 358 percent cost overrun. The Department of Transportation paid \$5.4 million for 374 signs, while the Thruway Authority spent \$2.7 million for another 140. Public outcry over both these measures led to them being addressed by agency heads in state government.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> Lindsey Riback. "New York cracks down on 'ticket bots'." *Journal News*. May 11, 2017. Retrieved from

<http://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/local/new-york/2017/05/11/ny-nabs-ticket-bot-scams/101555846/>

<sup>26</sup> Mary Beth Quirky. "Ticket Brokers Must Pay \$4.2M For Using Bots To Illegally Snatch Up Tickets." *Consumerist*.

May 11, 2017. Retrieved from <https://consumerist.com/2017/05/11/ticket-brokers-must-pay-4-2m-for-using-bots-to-illegally-snatch-up-tickets/>

<sup>27</sup> Patrick Lohmann. "State Fair gondola becomes punchline in Albany, on Twitter." *Syracuse Post Standard*. April 13, 2017. Retrieved from

[http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2017/04/state\\_fair\\_gondola\\_becomes\\_punchline\\_in\\_albany\\_on\\_twitter.html](http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2017/04/state_fair_gondola_becomes_punchline_in_albany_on_twitter.html)

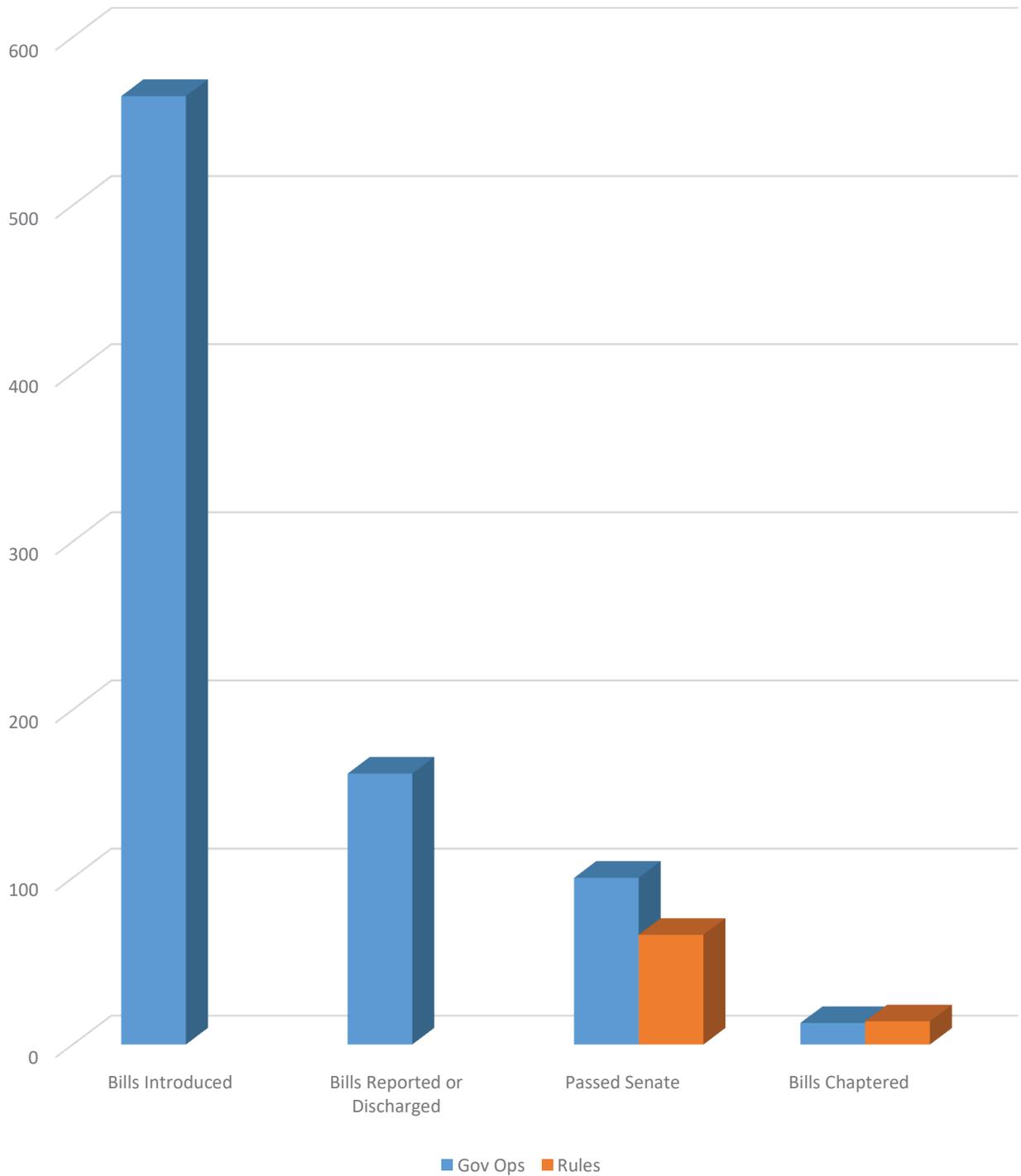
<sup>28</sup> Patrick Lohmann. "NYS Fair gondola finally dead? \$15 million project absent in Cuomo's budget." *Syracuse Post Standard*. January 17, 2018. Retrieved from

[http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2018/01/nys\\_fair\\_gondola\\_finally\\_dead\\_15\\_million\\_project\\_absent\\_in\\_cuomos\\_budget.html](http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2018/01/nys_fair_gondola_finally_dead_15_million_project_absent_in_cuomos_budget.html)

<sup>29</sup> Cristina Corbin. "'I Love NY' signs costing state \$8.1M are illegal, says federal government." *Fox News*. June 8, 2017. Retrieved from <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/08/love-ny-signs-costing-state-8-1m-are-illegal-says-federal-government.html>

<sup>30</sup> Jon Campbell. "Up or down? Feds, state continue battle over I Love NY signs." *Journal News*. September 28, 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/politics-on-the-hudson/2017/09/28/i-love-ny-signs-battle-continues/106075276/>

Summary of Legislative Action  
Senate Standing Committee  
on Investigations &  
Government Operations



**CHAPTERED SENATE INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE BILLS**

- S886**            **CARLUCCI** – Relates to filing of oaths of elected school board members of the East Ramapo central school district.  
*Chapter 5 of the Laws of 2017 on 02/01/17*
- S1757**            **STEWART-COUSINS** – Extends the expiration date of the personal income tax surcharge imposed in the city of Yonkers.  
Substituted by A6387 (Pretlow)  
*Chapter 83 of the Laws of 2017 on 06/30/17*
- S2392A**           **GALLIVAN** – Relates to freedom of information requests and attorney's fees  
Substituted by A2750A (Paulin)  
*Chapter 453 of the Laws of 2017 on 12/13/17*
- S2899**            **RITCHIE** – Relates to property tax credits for farmers; adds property owned in trust to which a taxpayer is a beneficiary to qualified agricultural property  
*Chapter 485 of the Laws of 2017 on 12/18/17*
- S2961**            **LATIMER** – Authorizes the city of White Plains to impose an additional one-quarter of one percent sales and compensating use tax.  
Substituted by A2930 (Buchwald)  
*Chapter 28 of the Laws of 2017 on 05/22/17*
- S3023A**           **RITCHIE** – Relates to the love your library fund.  
Substituted by A1094A (Galef)  
*Chapter 174 of the Laws of 2017 on 08/21/17*
- S4087**            **AKSHAR** – Relates to the residency of correction officers employed by the county of Chenango  
*Chapter 130 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/25/17*
- S4491**            **FELDER** – Grants a personal income tax deduction for the amount of any student loan that is discharged as a result of the death or permanent and total disability of the borrower  
*Chapter 456 of the Laws of 2017 on 12/13/17*
- S5490**            **STEWART-COUSINS** – Extends the expiration of chapter 272 of the laws of 1991 relating to taxation and spending in Westchester county  
*Chapter 81 of the Laws of 2017 on 06/29/17*

- S5540**      **LANZA** – Directs the commissioner of general services to place a POW/MIA chair and plaque in the capitol to honor United States prisoners of war and those still missing in action.  
*Chapter 407 of the Laws of 2017 on 11/11/17*
- S5570**      **YOUNG** – Directs the office of general services to install and maintain a commemorative plaque in the Capitol honoring Samuel J. Abbott  
*Chapter 104 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/25/17*
- S5676A**      **MURPHY** – Relates to the residency requirement for the assistant court clerk for the town of Somers in the county of Westchester  
Substituted by A7362A (Byrne)  
*Chapter 118 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/25/17*
- S5739**      **YOUNG** – Extends the real estate transfer tax rate reduction for conveyances of real property to existing real estate investment funds  
Substituted by A7523 (Farrell)  
*Chapter 272 of the Laws of 2017 on 09/01/17*
- S6004**      **MURPHY** – Extends certain provisions of law relating to the resale of tickets to places of entertainment through June 30, 2018  
Substituted by A7701 (Williams)  
*Chapter 68 of the Laws of 2017 on 06/29/17*
- S6070**      **AMEDORE** – Relates to the transfer and conveyance of certain unappropriated state land to the county of Greene, in relation to using the land for a 911 emergency call center  
*Chapter 321 of the Laws of 2017 on 09/13/17*
- S6120**      **MURPHY** – Authorizes the electronic filing of applications for a brand or trade name label for an alcoholic beverage  
Substituted by A8242 (Barrett)  
*Chapter 369 of the Laws of 2017 on 10/23/17*
- S6129**      **BONACIC** – Extends provisions of law relating to authorizing Middletown to sell delinquent liens to private parties  
*Chapter 391 of the Laws of 2017 on 10/23/17*
- S6411**      **MARCHIONE** – Relates to approving a certain agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes  
Substituted by A8042 (McDonald)  
*Chapter 211 of the Laws of 2017 on 08/21/17*
- S6429**      **CARLUCCI** – Relates to the allocation of mortgage recording tax in the town of Ossining, county of Westchester  
*Chapter 443 of the Laws of 2017*

**S6546A**      **MURPHY** – Relates to the residency requirements of the town building inspector and deputy town building inspector of the town of North Salem, Westchester county  
*Chapter 159 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/25/17*

**VETOED INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
**COMMITTEE BILLS**

**S4999D**      **ALCANTARA** – Provides a television writers’ and directors’ fees in salaries credit  
*Vetoed on 12/18/17*

**S5742**      **DEFRANCISCO** – Relates to representatives holding power of attorney  
*Vetoed on 12/18/17*

**PASSED SENATE INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
**COMMITTEE BILLS**

**S92A**      **HOYLMAN** – Eliminates the one-year time requirement for aggregation payments  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*

**S138**      **LITTLE** – Establishes a forestry stewardship and habitat conservation credit for personal income and business franchise taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*

**S203A**      **MARCHIONE** – Prohibits the New York state department of taxation and finance from charging a fee for applications for a certificate of registration pursuant to a re-registration program; repealer  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*

**S305**      **MURPHY** – Authorizes the county of Putnam to grant exemption from county sales and use taxes during the period August 14-23, 2017 for certain clothing and footwear  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*

**S317**      **PERALTA** – Increases to \$10,000 the contribution that a resident taxpayer may make to family tuition accounts for each child during a taxable year  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*

- S391A**      **CARLUCCI** – Relates to the residency requirements of certain public officers of political subdivisions or municipal corporations of the state  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S414**      **FELDER** – Increases the tax exemption for pensions and annuities for persons age fifty-nine and one-half or greater  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S479**      **PERALTA** – Provides that a portion of the local hotel occupancy tax in a city having a population of one million or more shall be dedicated to promoting tourism within each individual borough of such city  
*Passed Senate on 02/13/17*
- S561**      **YOUNG** – When external indices are utilized to determine sales and use tax due, requires such indices to reflect local economic conditions  
*Passed Senate on 02/13/17*
- S566**      **YOUNG** – Provides that the low income housing tax credits shall be treated as overpayments of the applicable tax, to be credited or refunded  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S689**      **ORTT** – Provides an asbestos remediation tax credit  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S838A**      **FUNKE** – Relates to enacting the "New York State Go Green Season Act"  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S965**      **MURPHY** – Relates to contracts involving state agencies  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S1036**      **CARLUCCI** – Subtracts from federal adjusted gross income qualified transportation fringe benefits  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S1229**      **GRIFFO** – Limits tenure of temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, majority and minority leaders and committee chairs  
*Passed Senate on 04/25/17*
- S1354**      **ALCANTARA** – Provides for a deduction from personal gross income for expenses incurred in the adoption of a child in the foster care system  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*

- S1453**      **AVELLA** – Increases from 20% to 40%, the tax credits for premiums paid for long-term care insurance premiums during certain taxable years  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S1475**      **CARLUCCI** – Relates to organ donation  
*Passed Senate on 05/02/17*
- S1606**      **FUNKE** – Relates to establishing a credit for donation to a food bank or other emergency food program by New York state farmers  
*Passed Senate on 01/30/17*
- S1695**      **MARCELLINO** – Makes technical corrections to the conservation easement tax credit  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S1748**      **MARCELLINO** – Requires that committee and floor votes be made available online and that session and committee meetings be webcast  
*Passed Senate on 03/27/17*
- S1750**      **ORTT** – Establishes a tax credit for the purchase and installation of geothermal energy systems  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S1756**      **STEWART-COUSINS** – Extends the expiration of the mortgage recording tax imposed by the city of Yonkers  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S1976**      **STEWART-COUSINS** – Extends the authority of the city of New Rochelle to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S1983**      **GALLIVAN** – Relates to the Erie county stadium corporation complying with the open meetings law  
*Passed Senate on 03/22/17*
- S1987A**      **KLEIN** – Imposes the duty to buy and use an identification scanner upon alcoholic beverage licensee found to have given such a beverage to a person under 21  
*Passed Senate on 06/05/17*
- S1994**      **O'MARA** – Enacts the "omnibus emergency services volunteer incentive act" to provide certain benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*

- S2120**      **O'MARA** – Relates to business income base and certain small business taxpayers  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S2153**      **MARCELLINO** – Provides an exemption from state sales tax for energy star appliances and grants municipalities the option to provide such exemption  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S2411A**     **DEFRANCISCO** – Relates to a pilot program providing a tax credit for universal visitability  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S2497**      **HANNON** – Establishes a one-time personal income tax credit for up to \$10,000 for the expenses incurred by a resident taxpayer in the course of donating his or her organs for transplantation; repealer  
*Passed Senate on 05/02/17*
- S2559**      **GOLDEN** – Relates to the tax credit for the purchase of long-term care insurance  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S2634**      **LANZA** – Exempts hospitals from the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S2642A**     **RANZENHOFER** – Establishes a credit against income tax for the rehabilitation of distressed residential properties  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S2643A**     **RANZENHOFER** – Establishes a credit against income tax for the rehabilitation of distressed commercial properties  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S2644**      **LITTLE** – Extends until November 30, 2019, the authority of the county of Essex to impose an additional 1% sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S2645A**     **LITTLE** – Grants sales and use tax exemption for certain tangible personal property and services used in the operation of recreational skiing facilities  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S2716A**     **HAMILTON** – Enacts the "youth violence prevention task force act" to create the youth violence prevention task force  
*Passed Senate on 06/05/17*

- S2884**      **TEDISCO** – Repeals article 26 of the tax law known as the estate tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S2899**      **RITCHIE** – Relates to property tax credits for farmers  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S2905**      **RITCHIE** – Relates to the farm workforce retention credit  
*Passed Senate on 03/21/17*
- S2964**      **SEWARD** – Authorizes the county of Schoharie to impose a county recording tax on obligation secured by a mortgage on real property  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S2968A**     **SEWARD** – Relates to extending authorization for additional sales tax in the county of Schoharie until 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S2969**      **SEWARD** – Relates to amending the authorization for the imposition of additional sales and compensating use tax in Herkimer county  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S3065**      **ADDABBO** – Provides a tax credit to home owners who repair cock loft fire hazards in their homes  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S3159A**     **GOLDEN** – Establishes the empire state music production credit and the empire state digital gaming media production credit; repealer  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S3310**      **LANZA** – Exempts mortgages of residential real property from taxation when property is purchased by owners receiving state or federal buyout of prior residence destroyed in hurricane Sandy  
*Passed Senate on 04/25/17*
- S3505**      **YOUNG** – Relates to the advanced payment of the school tax relief credit  
*Passed Senate on 02/13/17*
- S3557**      **BOYLE** – Relates to small business savings accounts  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*

- S3784**      **O'MARA** – Extends authorization of the county of Tompkins to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S3828**      **LAVALLE** – Provides an exemption from the tax on sales and the compensating use tax for certain equipment purchased by companies located in college incubator facilities  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S3835**      **RITCHIE** – Establishes a farm savings account program  
*Passed Senate on 03/21/17*
- S3844**      **O'MARA** – Extends authorization of the county of Chemung to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S3905**      **GRIFFO** – Relates to the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit; repealer  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S3916**      **DEFRANCISCO** – Relates to the county of Onondaga and an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S3928**      **AMEDORE** – Extends from November 30, 2017 to November 30, 2019, the expiration of the authorization of the county of Greene to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S3945A**      **BOYLE** – Authorizes special permits to remain open during certain hours of the morning  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S3972**      **GALLIVAN** – Extends the expiration of the authorization to the county of Wyoming to impose an additional one percent sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4023**      **RITCHIE** – Provides for a tax deduction for the adoption of a child with special needs  
*Passed Senate on 06/05/17*

- S4062**      **LANZA** – Exempts institutions of higher education from the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S4088**      **AKSHAR** – Relates to extending the authority of Chenango county to impose additional taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4089**      **AKSHAR** – Extends authorization of the county of Tioga to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4090B**     **AKSHAR** – Relates to establishing a job creation tax credit  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S4245**      **MURPHY** – Exempts political subdivisions from the imposition of the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4255**      **SEWARD** – Extends provisions authorizing the county of Cortland to impose an additional mortgage recording tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4276B**     **LITTLE** – Relates to the jurisdiction of St. Regis Mohawk tribal police officers  
Substituted by A7646A (Jones)  
*Chapter 96 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/24/17*
- S4419**      **MURPHY** – Increases the amount of the farm workforce retention credit for farms located in the county of Westchester  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4491**      **FELDER** – Grants a personal income tax deduction for the amount of any student loan that is discharged as the result of the death or permanent and total disability of the borrower  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S4508**      **FUNKE** – Relates to a tax credit for minimum wages paid to seasonal employees  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S4514**      **MARCHIONE** – Extends the effectiveness of the imposition of an additional real estate transfer tax within the county of Columbia  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*

- S4515**      **MARCHIONE** – Relates to sales and compensating use tax in Columbia county  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4592A**    **FUNKE** – Relates to allowing patrons to remove alcohol from a licensed premises in a  
leisure and recreation district  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4623**      **RANZENHOFER** – Provides an exemption for tangible personal property and  
services sold by a cemetery  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S4629**      **LANZA** – Changes the official name of the Staten Island Expressway to the POW-  
MIA Memorial Highway  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S4721**      **RITCHIE** – Relates to the creation of a certified transitional tax credit  
*Passed Senate on 03/21/17*
- S4744**      **TEDISCO** – Relates to county of Hamilton recording tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4745**      **TEDISCO** – Relates to extending authorization for the imposition of additional sales  
tax in Fulton county  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4746**      **TEDISCO** – Relates to extending the authorization of the county of Hamilton to  
impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4747**      **TEDISCO** – Relates to extending the authority for the imposition of sales and  
compensating use tax in Schenectady county  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4748**      **TEDISCO** – Amends chapter 489 of the laws of 2004, relating to the mortgage  
recording tax in the county of Fulton, to extend the effectiveness of such chapter  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4782**      **RANZENHOFER** – Extends the period during which the county of Genesee is  
authorized to impose a county recording tax on certain mortgage obligation until  
November 1, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*

- S4783**      **RANZENHOFER** – Extends authorization of county of Genesee to impose an additional 1% of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4785**      **SEWARD** – Extends the authorization of the county of Delaware to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4787**      **SEWARD** – Relates to extending authorization for additional sales tax in the county of Cortland until 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4793**      **O'MARA** – Extends authorization of the county of Schuyler to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S4801**      **AKSHAR** – Extends authorization of the county of Broome to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S4991**      **FELDER** – Grants a personal income tax deduction for the amount of any student loan that is discharged as the result of the death or permanent and total disability of the borrower  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S4999D**      **ALCANTARA** – Provides a television writers' and directors' fees and salaries credit  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S5034**      **O'MARA** – Extends authorization of the county of Yates to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S5035A**      **O'MARA** – Extends authorization of the county of Steuben to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S5117**      **DEFRANCISCO** – Extends the authorization of the county of Cayuga to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*

- S5138**      **MURPHY** – Extends the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to temporary retail permits issued by the state liquor authority  
Substituted by A4889 (Schimminger)  
*Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2017 on 08/21/17*
- S5149**      **MARCHIONE** – Relates to extending the authorization of the county of Rensselaer to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S5167**      **YOUNG** – Extends expiration of authorization of county of Allegany to impose additional 1 1/2% sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5174**      **RITCHIE** – Relates to the sales and compensating use tax in the county of Oswego  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5175B**     **O'MARA** – Prohibits the commissioner of general services from leasing or granting certain property rights to any entity to lay electric transmission lines which interconnect outside of the United States  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S5191**      **YOUNG** – Relates to extending the expiration of provisions authorizing the county of Cattaraugus to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5242A**     **FUNKE** – Enacts the "facilitating business rapid response to state declared disasters act of 2017"  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S5269**      **RULES** – Relates to extending the authorization for Ontario county to impose additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes until 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S5270**      **RULES** – Relates to sales and compensating use tax in Dutchess county  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S5271**      **RULES** – Authorizes the county of Monroe to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*

- \*S5280**      **CROCI** – Relates to a certain agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes with respect to a lessee that is a qualified empire zone enterprise of certain real property  
Substituted by A7100 (Fitzpatrick)  
*Chapter 296 of the Laws of 2017 on 09/12/17*
- S5292**      **RITCHIE** – Relates to extending the authorization of the city of Oswego to impose an additional tax rate of sales and compensation use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/18/17*
- S5293**      **RITCHIE** – Extends the authority of the county of Jefferson to add an additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5323**      **LITTLE** – Extends the expiration of the authority of the county of Franklin to impose an additional 1% sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5328**      **O'MARA** – Relates to the mortgage recording tax in the county of Yates  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5334**      **GALLIVAN** – Authorizes the county of Livingston to impose an additional one percent sales tax to the three percent rate  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5335**      **STEWART-COUSINS** – Authorizes the city of Yonkers to impose an additional one-half of one percent sales tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S5359**      **RULES** – Extends from November 30, 2017 to November 30, 2019, the expiration of the additional 1 percent of sales and compensating use taxes the county of Putnam is authorized to impose  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S5362**      **GRIFFO** – Authorizes the county of Lewis to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5365**      **SEWARD** – Relates to extending authorization for additional sales tax in the county of Otsego until 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*

- S5419**      **BONACIC** – Relates to extending authorization to impose certain taxes in the county of Sullivan  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5438**      **GOLDEN** – Relates to residency requirements for members of municipal departments of sanitation  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S5481**      **MURPHY** – Directs the department of taxation and finance to study and report on the impact on localities in the counties of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess of state owned lands  
*Passed Senate on 06/05/17*
- S5495**      **GRIFFO** – Authorizes Oneida county to impose additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes and providing for allocation and distribution of a portion of net collections from such additional rates  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5503**      **RANZENHOFER** – Relates to the imposition of additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes by Erie County  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5540**      **LANZA** – Directs the commissioner of general services to place a POW/MIA chair and plaque in the capitol  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S5568**      **AMEDORE** – Extends the authority of the county of Ulster to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5578**      **LITTLE** – Extends Clinton county's authorization to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5598**      **VALESKY** – Extends authorization of the county of Madison to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S5656**      **ORTT** – Relates to continuing to authorize Niagara county to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*

- S5657**      **ORTT** – Extends the period during which the county of Orleans is authorized to impose additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/07/17*
- S5728A**    **RULES** – Extends the imposition of certain taxes in the city of New York  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S5742**      **DEFRANCISCO** – Relates to representatives holding power of attorney  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S5759**      **BRESLIN** – Extends for two years the authorization of additional sales and compensating use taxes for the county of Albany  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5826**      **RULES** – Extends the authorization of the county of Seneca to impose an additional one percent sales and compensating use tax until November 30, 2019  
*Passed Senate on 06/13/17*
- S5827**      **RULES** – Extends the additional one percent sales tax for Wayne county  
*Passed Senate on 06/14/17*
- S5828**      **JACOBS** – Provides for the review of unfunded mandates  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S5852**      **MARCELLINO** – Prohibits the use of automated sales suppression devices, zappers or phantom-ware  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S5887**      **GOLDEN** – Establishes the empire state digital gaming media production credit  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S5914**      **YOUNG** – Extends from November 30, 2017 to November 30, 2019, the expiration of the hotel and motel tax in the county of Chautauqua  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5915**      **YOUNG** – Extends from November 30, 2017 to November 30, 2019, the authority of the county of Chautauqua to impose an additional 1% of sales and compensating use tax  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*

- S5935**      **RITCHIE** – Extends the authorization of St. Lawrence county to impose additional sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5937**      **JACOBS** – Directs the commissioner of taxation and finance to utilize a third-party evaluator for investigating the effectiveness of state tax incentives  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*
- S5938A**    **ORTT** – Establishes a credit against income tax for service dogs  
*Passed Senate on 06/06/17*
- S5952**      **AMEDORE** – Extends from November 30, 2017 to November 30, 2019, the authorization granted to the county of Montgomery to impose an additional 1% sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S5962**      **MURPHY** – Makes permanent certain provisions of the alcoholic beverage control law authorizing the sale of gift bags and wrapping, and manufacturers to transport alcoholic beverages to their retail establishments  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S5979**      **LARKIN** – Extends the authority of Orange county to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S6095**      **JACOBS** – Provides the administrative regulations review commission with the ability to delay the adoption of proposed administrative rules  
*Passed Senate on 05/16/17*
- S6117**      **CARLUCCI** – Authorizing the county of Rockland to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S6129**      **BONACIC** – Relates to extending provisions of law relating to the city of Middletown  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*
- S6168**      **LANZA** – Provides that the tax credits for long-term health care insurance shall be up to \$1,000 of the premiums paid for each policy of such insurance  
*Passed Senate on 06/15/17*

- S6284**      **O'MARA** – Extends provisions of law relating to the mortgage recording tax in the county of Steuben until December 1, 2020  
*Passed Senate on 06/08/17*
- S6320B**    **GOLDEN** – Sets the rate of taxation on estates  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S6325**      **GOLDEN** – Relates to penalties for violations relating to the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products  
*Passed Senate on 06/20/17*
- S6420**      **PHILLIPS** – Relates to exempting certain statements relating to sexual abuse or misconduct from disclosure under FOIL  
*Passed Senate on 06/19/17*
- S6516**      **PERALTA** – Authorizes the liquor authority to establish a liaison with each community board in the city of New York for matters relating to license or permit issuance, renewal, modification and alteration  
*Passed Senate on 06/21/17*

**BILLS REPORTED OUT OF INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

- S118**      **HOYLMAN** – Requires written notice of the collection of a tax levy to be provided by registered or certified mail  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S374**      **ORTT** – Provides a tax credit for farmers who use qualified biodiesel fuel for the sole operation of their farm equipment  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*
- S610A**      **BOYLE** – Creates the rescued animals spay and neuter fund  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S749A**      **RITCHIE** – Provides for tax credit for the adoption of household pets from animal shelter or humane society  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S805A**      **ALCANTARA** – Establishes a demonstration program whereby the New York city community board for the 12th district can petition the liquor authority to impose an up to 1 year moratorium on issuing new licenses for certain bars  
*Reported to Finance on 03/07/17*

- S897**      **AMEDORE** – Authorizes gifts, on personal income tax returns, for substance use disorder education and recovery  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S952**      **FUNKE** – Provides an exemption to the sale of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles from state sales and compensating use taxes  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S1198**     **PERSAUD** – Relates to gift for city university of New York  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*
- S1224A**   **AKSHAR** – Relates to increasing the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit  
*Reported to Finance on 03/07/17*
- S1438A**   **RITCHIE** – Relates to providing a tax credit to farmers who sell or rent their agricultural land to a young farmer  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*
- S1636**     **GOLDEN** – Establishes the "caregiver's assistance act" giving income tax credits and deductions to certain persons who help seniors  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S1827**     **KENNEDY** – Requires the commissioner of taxation and finance to allow distillers and brewers to file their taxes electronically  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S2076**     **SEWARD** – Relates to a tax credit for employment of an individual who has successfully completed a judicial diversion substance abuse treatment program or graduated from drug court  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S2128**     **GALLIVAN** – Establishes the venison donation tax credit  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S2416A**   **FUNKE** – Provides a maximum \$500 tax credit for taxpayer expenses not compensated by insurance related to the purchase of a qualified hearing aid  
*Reported to Finance on 02/14/17*
- S2556**     **LAVALLE** – Relates to interest on indebtedness incurred by taxpayer to pay for higher education  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*

- S3006**      **LAVALLE** – Provides for the state recognition and acknowledgment of the Montaukett Indians  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S3237**      **RANZENHOFER** – Creates a biotechnology research and development investment tax credit  
*Reported to Finance on 05/02/17*
- S3856**      **LAVALLE** – Amends the definition of allowable college tuition expenses and establishes a new schedule of tax credits for allowable college tuition expenses  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S4063**      **LANZA** – Provides for a personal income tax deduction for school supplies paid for out-of-pocket by K-12 teachers in public and nonpublic schools, up to \$500 per year  
*Reported to Finance on 03/07/17*
- S4246**      **MURPHY** – Relates to guaranteed shares of revenue of the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S4258**      **DEFRANCISCO** – Provides a tax credit to certain landowners who allow snowmobile access on such land  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*
- S4611A**      **MURPHY** – Establishes a clinical preceptorship personal income tax credit for certain health care professionals who provide preceptor instruction to students  
*Reported to Finance on 03/07/17*
- S4618A**      **HAMILTON** – Establishes business franchise, personal income and insurance franchise tax credits for the expenses of employer provided or sponsored child care  
*Reported to Finance on 04/25/17*
- S4727**      **SEWARD** – Relates to providing insurance corporations with a tax credit for investments made in rural business growth funds; establishes the New York agriculture and rural jobs fund  
*Reported to Finance on 05/16/17*
- S5982**      **JACOBS** – Relates to the filing of objections to agency rules by the administrative regulations review commission  
*Reported to Rules on 05/16/17*

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- S3387A**     **GALLIVAN** – Relates to exemptions from the sales and compensating use tax for tastings held by a licensed brewery, farm brewery, cider producer, farm cidery, distillery or farm distillery  
Substituted by A6945A (Lupardo)  
*Chapter 418 of the Laws of 2017 on 11/29/17*
- S4153**     **BONACIC** – Relates to the qualifications for holding the office of assistant district attorney in the county of Sullivan  
Substituted by A5670 (Gunther)  
*Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2017 on 07/25/17*
- S5257**     **GOLDEN** – Extends the effectiveness of certain provisions of law relating to the resolution of labor disputes  
Substituted by A6516 (Abbate)  
*Chapter 63 of the Laws of 2017 on 06/29/17*
- S5508B**     **HELMING** – Relates to residency requirements for clerk-treasurer or deputy clerk in the village of Fair Haven  
Substituted by A7222B (Oaks)  
*Chapter 191 of the Laws of 2017 on 08/21/17*





