

2018 Annual Report





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Senator John J. Flanagan Temporary President and Majority Leader New York State Senate Albany, NY 12247

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 2018 report on the activities of the Committee.

In 2018, 53 bills were reported out of the Senate Cities Committee, 4 of which passed both the Senate and Assembly and were signed into law by the Governor. One bill reported out of the Senate Cities Committee was vetoed by the Governor. The Cities Committee reported another 15 bills, which passed in the Senate, but did not pass the Assembly. In addition, 33 bills were reported from the Cities Committee but were not enacted in the Senate.

I would like to offer my upmost 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

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIES

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CITIES BILLS CHAPTERED INTO LAW IN 2018

S7734/AA9873 (Lanza/Cusick), Chapter 144. Extends, until December 31, 2019, the authorization of residential property owners in high risk brush fire areas on Staten Island to cut and remove reeds.

S8049/A10150 (Lanza/Carroll), Chapter 327. Extends until January 1, 2021, the deadline to apply for the solar electric generating system real property tax abatement.

S8071/A10236 (Lanza/Ortiz), Chapter 155. Relates to certain water charges for hospitals and charities in New York city; extends provisions.

S8557A/A10676 (Golden/Abbate), Chapter 100. Relates to the rate of interest used in the actuarial valuation of certain liabilities.

CITIES BILLS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE & CHAPTERED IN 2018

S4519A/A5823B (Montgomery/Wright), Chapter 217. Requires notice to adjoining owners of construction or demolition work.

S8044A/A10192 (Hoylman/Glick), Chapter 154. Permits the construction of an art installation within the boundaries of pier 52.

S8783/A10828 (Golden/ Cymbrowitz), Chapter 255. Relates to increasing the bonding authority of the New York city housing corporation.

S8847A/A10971A (Felder/ Magnarelli), Chapter 103. Relates to federal bond volume allocations, the unified state bond ceiling and the private activity bond allocation act of 2018.

CITIES LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE SENATE

S1379D (Little) -- Establishes the New York city tax reform study commission to provide the governor and legislature with a blueprint of reforms to the real property taxation system in the city of New York

S1576A (Avella) -- Relates to method of payment on delinquent real property taxes, sewer rents, sewer surcharges, water rents, or any other charges that are made a lien.

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.

S4136C (**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.

S4489 (**Montgomery**) -- Relates to allowing community boards to apply and receive grants for waterfront revitalization programs for coastal areas and inland waterways

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

S5823A (**Persaud**) -- Relates to including bodegas and delicatessens in the definition of food service establishment

S5886 (Golden) -- Authorizes the payment of rewards in connection with the enforcement of the cigarette tax

S6113 (Felder) -- Prohibits certain surcharges on credit or debit card transactions.

S6294 (Lanza) -- Relates to the exclusion of uncollectible taxes from the limitation on real estate taxes in New York city

S6798A (**Felder**) -- Requiring a police officer to be present at schools within the city of New York during instructional hours

S8253 (LaValle) -- Exempts certain persons from section 7208 of the education law

S8567 (Lanza) -- Directs a city with a population of one million or more to reduce its real property tax levy

REPORTED TO 3rd READING CALENDAR

S318 (**Peralta**) -- Requires all agencies of the city of New York which issue summons to document violations with photographic evidence when feasible

S797A (Alcantara) -- Establishes a central registry of child care service complaints in New York city

S1214A (**Lanza**) -- Establishes limitations upon real property tax levies in cities of over 1,000,000

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

S1609A (**Golden**) -- Provides immunity from administrative action against NYC fire officers who are unable to properly conduct building inspections

S1634B (Golden) -- Relates to school zone speed limits and signage and other traffic calming devices

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

S1990A (**Klein**) -- Establishes the New York City housing authority repair certificate program to grant zoning benefits to developers which perform capital repairs to housing projects.

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.

S3539A (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

S3651B (**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

S4094 (Sanders) -- Directs the city of New York to conduct an analysis of stormwater and groundwater issues in southeast Queens

S4328A (Lanza) -- Relates to false statements in documents submitted to the department of buildings of the city of New York.

S4802A (**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.

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.

S5483B (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.

S5519A (Addabbo) -- Requires school crossing guards at high schools

S6059A (Golden) -- Relates to promotions of lieutenants

S6098B (Golden) -- Relates to promotions of detectives

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

S6627A (Young) -- Provides for the computation of the New York city corporate tax on real estate investment trusts and regulated investment companies

S6929 (**Persaud**) -- Grants a tax deferment for persons sixty-five years of age or older who own and occupy real property in N.Y. city

S7186 (Golden) -- Relates to the number of alternate physicians who may be appointed

S7615 (**Lanza**) -- Grants eligibility for the tax abatement for industrial and commercial construction work in cities having a population of one million or more, to certain electric generating facilities

S7947 (Marchione) -- Relates to training of city firefighters promoted to first-line supervisor

S8370 (**Comrie**) -- Relates to extending certain filing deadlines for the industrial and commercial abatement program

S8493A (**LaValle**) -- Relates to identifying lands at risk from sea level rise or flooding as eligible sending districts

S8784B (**Kavanagh**) -- Relates to the discontinuance of park land of a portion of real property in the city of New York

S8825 (**Felder**) -- Relates to liability for violations imposed through the use of traffic-control signal photo-monitoring systems and photo speed violation monitoring systems

S8827A (**Felder**) -- Relates to school safety measures

REPORTED TO COMMITTEE OF SECONDARY REFERENCE

Finance

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.

DEFEATED IN SENATE

S1634B (Golden) -- Relates to school zone speed limits and signage and other traffic calming devices.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR

S8197/A10447 (**Bonacic/Gunther**), **Veto Memo 343** -- Relates to exempting the city of Middletown from application of certain provisions of law relating to licensing of plumbers