

Dear Leader Flanagan:

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Recreation for the 2018 legislative session. The annual report details the committee's activity from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. In that time eighty-three bills were assigned to the committee with fifty-six bills reported from committee, three bills signed into law and two vetoed by the Governor. I am proud of our committee's commitment to support our state's 4<sup>th</sup> largest industry.

The committee reviewed a number of important topics in the budgetary and legislative process such as Tourism Matching Grants, keeping our state parks clean, boating, and Lyme Disease. I was proud to work with my colleagues in the legislature to achieve positive outcomes and advance the tourism industry of New York State.

I want to extend a personal thank you to the members of the Committee for their hard work and well thought-out opinions. It is my hope that our committee will continue to support the world-class arts and culture, sports and recreation, entertainment and nightlife and agri-tourism sector which make New York State a premiere destination for individuals across the country and around the world to visit. I look forward to continuing to work together to improve New York State.

Sincerely,



Rich Funke  
Chair, Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Recreation

**2018 Legislative Report**  
**New York State Senate**  
**Standing Committee on**  
**Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation**

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## Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation Bills signed into Law:

Chapter	Bill No.	Title
<u>354</u>	<u>S7242</u>	SERINO -- Relates to installing Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at all state-managed parks
<u>382</u>	<u>S7762</u>	LAVALLE -- Designates the Peconic Bay region as a heritage area
<u>384</u>	<u>S8060A</u>	HELMING -- Relates to leasing and licensing of property

## Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation bills Reported from Committee:

Bill No.	Title
A2336	<b>Thiele (MS)</b> -- Relates to liability insurance rate reductions upon completion of a boating safety course or an advanced boating safety course
A2835A	<b>Englebright</b> -- Requires the conducting of public hearings and reports thereon prior to the closure of any real property by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation
A7937A	<b>Harris</b> -- Relates to the placement of navigational aids adjacent to real property designated as Coney Island
A8970B	<b>Jean-Pierre</b> -- Requires that certain boats shall be equipped with functioning marine carbon monoxide detectors
A9560	<b>Nolan</b> -- Changes New York state history month from November to October
S136	<b>LITTLE</b> -- Authorizes persons under the age of eighteen to participate in certain organized racing and competitive events involving snowmobiles
S205	<b>MARCHIONE</b> -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to cooperate with municipalities in establishing adopt-a-park programs
S371	<b>ORTT</b> -- Enacts the "Niagara parks reinvestment act"
S401	<b>ORTT</b> -- Provides free use of state parks and campsites for volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance service
S732	<b>ORTT</b> -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a program of free parking for senior citizens
S893	<b>AMEDORE</b> -- Establishes a geoparks task force to survey and formulate a plan for identifying sites for a system of geoparks, and a management and development strategy
S909C	<b>ORTT</b> -- Relates to increasing the authorized reimbursement rate paid to governmental entities for enforcement of navigation laws
S1044A	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Relates to identification badges for access to recreational facilities

S1185	<b>MARCELLINO</b> -- Exempts operators of law enforcement and fire department vessels from laws which regulate vessels on the navigable waters of the state while responding to emergencies
S1383	<b>GALLIVAN</b> -- Relates to police staffing at certain parks
S1470	<b>RITCHIE</b> -- Relates to directing the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to report on the feasibility of restarting the barn grant program
S1566	<b>AVELLA</b> -- Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study pertaining to a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway
S1650	<b>CARLUCCI</b> -- Directs the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to fund and conduct the empire state games on an annual basis
S1674	<b>LITTLE</b> -- Authorizes towing a person on water skis with a vessel without an observer under certain circumstances
S1676A	<b>LITTLE</b> -- Directs the commissioner of education to establish and implement a museum education grant program
S1915	<b>RITCHIE</b> -- Relates to the free use of campsites
S1974	<b>LITTLE</b> -- Relates to the authenticity, attribution and authorship of fine works of art
S2773	<b>RITCHIE</b> -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and preservation to establish the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter in the city of Oswego as a state historic site
S2807	<b>PARKER</b> -- Relates to establishing the Women's rights history trail
S2863A	<b>MARCELLINO</b> -- Relates to the payment of fines for certain violations, the reduction of certain insurance rates and establishes the boating safety education fund
S2985	<b>LAVALLE</b> -- Relates to liability insurance rate reductions upon completion of a boating safety course or an advanced boating safety course
S3050	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Requires the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to preserve and maintain state historic sites that are closed for more than a month
S3051A	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Relates to the reporting of alienation of municipal parkland
S3053	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Prohibits littering on state park lands
S3108	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Relates to developing criteria and guidelines for state designated arts and cultural districts
S3198	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Authorizes the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a resident curator program for the rehabilitation of state park buildings
S3201	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Provides senior citizens shall be entitled to use any park, recreational facility or historic site without the imposition of any fee or other charge
S3457A	<b>SERRANO</b> -- Requires the conducting of public hearings and reports thereon prior to the closure of any real property by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation
S3532	<b>FLANAGAN</b> -- Establishes the Nissequogue River state park
S3724A	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Authorizes the New York council on the arts to award certificates of merit to artists in selected disciplines
S3890	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Relates to providing free use of state parks for certified first responders who participated in the rescue effort at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001
S3891	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Requires all goods, except food, sold at retail in state parks, recreational facilities and historic sites to be produced in the United States

S3892A	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Designates historic maritime communities
S3988	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Creates the New York state amateur sports development advisory council
S4626	<b>RANZENHOFER</b> -- Creates a legislative task force on outdoor environmental education and recreation
S5009	<b>JACOBS</b> -- Relates to the free use of campsites by the immediate family of a member of the armed forces killed in active duty
S6246A	<b>COMRIE</b> -- Creates the people's history project to foster the recognition of heretofore overlooked personages, sites, and events of historical significance
S6323	<b>HAMILTON</b> -- Relates to the Amistad Commission
S6841	<b>FLANAGAN</b> -- Relates to providing beach access routes for mobility impaired persons
S7135	<b>HELMING</b> -- Relates to the regulation of vessels
S7226	<b>PERALTA</b> -- Requires state campgrounds to provide a reduced fee for campsites to persons 65 or over
S7242	<b>SERINO</b> -- Relates to installing Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at all state-managed parks
S7260	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish the state parks passport program
S7385	<b>MARCELLINO</b> -- Changes New York state history month from November to October
S7392	<b>O'MARA</b> -- Relates to prohibiting the use of ballast water to increase a wake within six hundred feet from shore on lakes within the state
S7677	<b>BOYLE</b> -- Relates to enacting Brianna's Law
S7762	<b>LAVALLE</b> -- Designates the Peconic Bay region as a heritage area
S7893	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Empowers the commissioner to enter into mutual aid and assistance agreements with other states, executive agencies, and political subdivisions of such states in public emergencies
S7910A	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Relates to music licensing
S8060A	<b>HELMING</b> -- Relates to leasing and licensing of property
S8179	<b>FUNKE</b> -- Extends effectiveness of provisions relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft

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