

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 4th 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Funke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rich Funke
Chair, Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Recreation

2018 Legislative Report
New York State Senate
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384	S8060A	HELMING -- Relates to leasing and licensing of property

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

Bill No.	Title
A2336	Thiele (MS) -- Relates to liability insurance rate reductions upon completion of a boating safety course or an advanced boating safety course
A2835A	Englebright -- 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	Harris -- Relates to the placement of navigational aids adjacent to real property designated as Coney Island
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A9560	Nolan -- Changes New York state history month from November to October
S136	LITTLE -- Authorizes persons under the age of eighteen to participate in certain organized racing and competitive events involving snowmobiles
S205	MARCHIONE -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to cooperate with municipalities in establishing adopt-a-park programs
S371	ORTT -- Enacts the "Niagara parks reinvestment act"
S401	ORTT -- Provides free use of state parks and campsites for volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance service
S732	ORTT -- Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a program of free parking for senior citizens
S893	AMEDORE -- 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	ORTT -- Relates to increasing the authorized reimbursement rate paid to governmental entities for enforcement of navigation laws
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S1185	MARCELLINO -- 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	GALLIVAN -- Relates to police staffing at certain parks
S1470	RITCHIE -- 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	AVELLA -- Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study pertaining to a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway
S1650	CARLUCCI -- Directs the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to fund and conduct the empire state games on an annual basis
S1674	LITTLE -- Authorizes towing a person on water skis with a vessel without an observer under certain circumstances
S1676A	LITTLE -- Directs the commissioner of education to establish and implement a museum education grant program
S1915	RITCHIE -- Relates to the free use of campsites
S1974	LITTLE -- Relates to the authenticity, attribution and authorship of fine works of art
S2773	RITCHIE -- 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	PARKER -- Relates to establishing the Women's rights history trail
S2863A	MARCELLINO -- Relates to the payment of fines for certain violations, the reduction of certain insurance rates and establishes the boating safety education fund
S2985	LAVALLE -- Relates to liability insurance rate reductions upon completion of a boating safety course or an advanced boating safety course
S3050	SERRANO -- 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	SERRANO -- Relates to the reporting of alienation of municipal parkland
S3053	SERRANO -- Prohibits littering on state park lands
S3108	SERRANO -- Relates to developing criteria and guidelines for state designated arts and cultural districts
S3198	SERRANO -- Authorizes the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a resident curator program for the rehabilitation of state park buildings
S3201	SERRANO -- 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	SERRANO -- 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	FLANAGAN -- Establishes the Nissequogue River state park
S3724A	FUNKE -- Authorizes the New York council on the arts to award certificates of merit to artists in selected disciplines
S3890	FUNKE -- 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	FUNKE -- Requires all goods, except food, sold at retail in state parks, recreational facilities and historic sites to be produced in the United States

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

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