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# NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION



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December 31, 2021

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Temporary President and Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to share the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Consumer Protection for the 2021 Legislative Session. As Chairman, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

This session, 204 bills were referred to the Committee for review. The Committee met four times and reported 19 bills. Of those bills, six were signed into law. A list of all the bills that were reported from the committee is provided in this report.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kevin Thomas", written over a light blue grid background.

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Senator Kevin Thomas  
6<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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**Senator Kevin Thomas, Chairperson**

Committee Members

Majority

Senator Andrew Gounardes  
Senator Brian Kavanagh  
Senator Zellnor Myrie  
Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick

Minority

Senator Mario Mattera  
Senator James Tedisco

Committee Staff

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Jacqueline Donaldson - Finance Analyst for Committee  
Elizabeth Nowicki - Counsel to the Committee

## **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Consumer Protection has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues arising under the General Business Law, including issues concerning unfair, deceptive and fraudulent businesses practices. A particular focus of the Committee is on electronic and online conduct affecting consumers, such as online marketing, disclosures, and data protection and on protecting student loan borrowers. The Committee emphasizes educating consumers and businesses about their rights and responsibilities.

## **COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2021:

- **S6701 (Thomas) Relates to enacting the NY Privacy Act**
- **S1048A (Myrie) Relates to the dangers to the safety and health of the public caused by the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of firearms**

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 19		
S51	Kaplan	Includes attachment to electronic devices within the meaning of the term “imitation weapon”
S192	Thomas	Relates to warranties and protections for purchasers of new and used motor vehicles
S687	Hoylman	Clarifies the definition of imitation weapon
S1554B	Kavanagh	Relates to third –party food delivery service charges
S1630	Savino	Relates to third-party delivery services

March 2		
S244	Mayer	Relates to human trafficking awareness and training for certain lodging facility employees
S748	Biaggi	Relates to enacting the “New York State Transparency in Supply Chains Act”
S778A	Thomas	Relates to research and misrepresentation of and restricting advertisement and promotion of electronic cigarettes
S3467B	Mayer	Relates to fees for gift cards

April 26		
S133	Mayer	Relates to establishing a set grace period for the use of credit card reward points
S1383	Brooks	Requires a homeowner be provided a cost estimate for installation of a fire sprinkler system
S1735	Skoufis	Relates to process server records
S2819	Addabbo	Prohibits the sale of whipped cream chargers to persons under the age of twenty-one
S6108A	Thomas	Relates to public awareness of COVID-19 programs and resources

May 18

S1048A	Myrie	Relates to the dangers to the safety and health of the public caused by the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of firearms
S3985	Reichlin-Melnick	Relates to a cap on the amount that a rental vehicle company may charge a renter for refueling a rental vehicle
S5924A	Thomas	Relates to prohibited practices relating to student educational debt
S6267	Cooney	Relates to telecommunication companies blocking certain numbers
S6701	Thomas	Relates to enacting the NY privacy act



## TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2021, six of the 204 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Consumer Protection passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed six and vetoed zero.

Bill No.	Sponsor	Title	Action
S133B	Mayer	Relates to establishing a set grace period for the use of credit card reward points	Chapter 667 of 2021
S1383	Brooks	Requires a homeowner to be provided a cost estimate for installation of a fire sprinkler system	Chapter 561 of 2021
S1630	Savino	Relates to third-party delivery services	Chapter 693 of 2021
S2819A	Addabbo	Prohibits the sale of whipped cream chargers to persons under the age of twenty-one	Chapter 515 of 2021
S3467B	Mayer	Relates to fees for gift cards	Chapter 668 of 221
S6267	Cooney	Relates to telecommunication companies blocking certain numbers	Chapter 582 of 2021

## LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE SENATE

In 2021, eleven of the 204 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Consumer Protection passed only in the Senate.

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