



Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on
Consumer Protection

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Consumer Protection for the 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2025 Session, this Committee met six times in Session and reported 47 bills.

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 cursive script that reads "Rachel May".

Senator Rachel May

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

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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 business 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 2025:

- **S.335 (Gianaris)/A.2015 (Peoples-Stokes)**
 - Relates to actions or practices that establish or maintain a monopoly, monopsony or restraint of trade, and authorizes a class action lawsuit in the state anti-trust law
- **S.363-A (Gianaris)/A.6663-A (Lee)**
 - Establishes the “New York junk fee prevention act”; requires clear and conspicuous pricing practices regarding trash junk fees.
- **S.1104-A (Cooney)/A.804-C (Magnarelli)**
 - Enacts the consumer litigation funding act to promote consumer protections related to consumer litigation funding transactions; provides for contract requirements, including that the contract contain a no penalty provision for the prepayment of the funded amount prior to the settlement of their case; makes related provisions.
- **S.1353-B (Cleare)/A.3038-B (Rosenthal)**
 - Prohibits creditors from enforcing a consumer debt incurred as a result of fraud, duress, intimidation, threat, force, identity theft, exploitation of the debtor’s personal information or similar economic abuse perpetrated against a debtor; establishes a right of action by the debtor for relief against creditors for violations; makes related provisions.
- **S.4413 (May)**
 - Requires a business to delete a consumer’s financial information after cancellation of an automatic renewal or continuous service, unless such consumer has affirmatively consented to retention of such financial information; requires such business to notify such consumer of such deletion.
- **S.8285 (Skoufis)/A.5852-A (Steck)**
 - Requires manufacturers of kratom products within the state to have a warning label that the product has not been approved by the federal food and drug administration and the products’ side effects; prohibits labeling of kratom products as all natural.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.00123	CLEARE	Prohibits the sale of infant walkers; restricts the use of such infant walkers in certain settings.	Chaptered 629
S.01104A	COONEY	Enacts the consumer litigation funding act to promote consumer protections related to consumer litigation funding transactions; provides for contract requirements, including that the contract contain a no penalty provision for the prepayment of the funded amount prior to the settlement of their case; makes related provisions.	Substituted By A.804C - Chaptered 645
S.01314	GOUNARDES	Provides that a false representation of affiliation or approval, or false implication of such affiliation or approval, of any official, state or local agencies or other official source, shall be false advertising.	Chaptered 540
S.01353B	CLEARE	Prohibits creditors from enforcing a consumer debt incurred as a result of fraud, duress, intimidation, threat, force, identity theft, exploitation of the debtor's personal information or similar economic abuse perpetrated against a debtor; establishes a right of action by the debtor for relief against creditors for violations; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 710
S.03072	SANDERS	Prohibits the use of consumer credit history in hiring, employment and licensing determinations.	Chaptered 681
S.03876	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Requires that a billing statement delivered to the customer by an energy services company include a side-by-side comparison showing both the price charged by the energy service company for commodity and delivery service during the prior billing period, and the price the customer would have paid had they taken commodity and delivery service from their local utility corporation or municipality; requires an energy service company to provide each of its customers with an annual statement comparing the price charged by the energy service company for commodity and delivery services and other energy-related value-added products over the prior twelve-month period with the price such customer would have paid had they taken commodity and delivery service from their local utility corporation or municipality.	Chaptered 685
S.04153A	SANDERS	Prohibits food stores and retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash; provides a civil penalty will be assessed for such actions.	Chaptered 548

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.04433A	SKOUFIS	Requires the clear and conspicuous disclosure of pricing changes for online grocery delivery and online pick-up services; imposes a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than two hundred fifty dollars for a second and each subsequent offense for violations.	Substituted By A.1096B - Vetoed Memorandum 26
S.04879B	FAHY	Establishes standards for glass repair and calibration of advanced driver assistance systems for motor vehicle glass repair facilities.	Substituted By A.6943B - Chaptered 659
S.05655	RYAN C	Voids provisions in construction contracts requiring retainage as expressly provided for by section seven hundred fifty-six-c of the general business law in an amount exceeding five percent of the contract sum.	Substituted By A.5405 - Chaptered 654
S.05708	SKOUFIS	Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers from charging a subscription fee for certain functions of a motor vehicle after the vehicle is sold; provides that any manufacturer, dealer, or agent of a manufacturer or dealer that fails to comply with such requirements shall be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per point of sale for each violation.	Vetoed Memorandum 91
S.06722	BASKIN	Defines a "protected consumer" as an individual who is under the age of eighteen years.	Substituted By A.4521 - Chaptered 514
S.06723	BASKIN	Requires that hair relaxer products display labels when they contain certain dangerous chemicals.	Substituted By A.1797 - Chaptered 508
S.06822A	GIANARIS	Prohibits contracts for the purchase or financing of a dog or cat from online websites from including provisions allowing repossession of the animal.	Substituted By A.1672A - Chaptered 507

2025 Senate Consumer Protection Committee Activity

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.00123	CLEARE	Prohibits the sale of infant walkers; restricts the use of such infant walkers in certain settings.	Chaptered 629
S.00194B	MARTINEZ	Enacts the “school security guard training enhancement act”; provides that annual training where a security guard is employed or contracted by a school in this state shall require the completion of school specific-training.	Passed the Senate
S.00335	GIANARIS	Relates to actions or practices that establish or maintain a monopoly, monopsony or restraint of trade; authorizes a class action lawsuit in the state anti-trust law.	Passed the Senate
S.00363A	GIANARIS	Establishes the “New York junk fee prevention act”; requires clear and conspicuous pricing practices regarding trash junk fees.	Passed the Senate
S.00397	MYRIE	Relates to false or misleading advertisements of food and food products; provides factors to determine whether an advertisement is false or misleading; provides for enforcement and a private right of action.	Passed the Senate
S.00488A	FERNANDEZ	Enacts the manufacturer disclosure and transparency act requiring prescription drug manufacturers to notify the attorney general of arrangements between pharmaceutical manufacturers resulting in the delay of the introduction of generic medications.	Passed the Senate
S.00704A	KRUEGER	Enacts the “New York gift certificate scam prevention act” to require certain sale, security and record-keeping requirements for gift certificates by sellers of gift certificates.	Passed the Senate

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S.01104A	COONEY	Enacts the consumer litigation funding act to promote consumer protections related to consumer litigation funding transactions; provides for contract requirements, including that the contract contain a no penalty provision for the prepayment of the funded amount prior to the settlement of their case; makes related provisions.	Substituted By A.804C - Chaptered 645
S.01172	MATTERA	Requires towers to clean up any debris in the surrounding area resulting from the vehicles they are towing and tow trucks to be equipped with the appropriate equipment for such clean up efforts.	Passed the Senate
S.01228C	GIANARIS	Requires advertisements to disclose the use of a synthetic performer; imposes a \$1,000 civil penalty for a first violation and a \$5,000 penalty for any subsequent violation.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.01314	GOUNARDES	Provides that a false representation of affiliation or approval, or false implication of such affiliation or approval, of any official, state or local agencies or other official source, shall be false advertising.	Chaptered 540
S.01353B	CLEARE	Prohibits creditors from enforcing a consumer debt incurred as a result of fraud, duress, intimidation, threat, force, identity theft, exploitation of the debtor's personal information or similar economic abuse perpetrated against a debtor; establishes a right of action by the debtor for relief against creditors for violations; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 710

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.01422	LIU	Establishes the biometric privacy act; requires private entities in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to develop a written policy establishing a retention schedule and guidelines for permanently destroying biometric identifiers and biometric information when the initial purpose for collecting or obtaining such identifiers or information has been satisfied or within three years of the individual's last interaction with the private entity, whichever occurs first.	Reported to Senate Internet and Technology
S.01541A	MAY	Requires bicycles advertised for sale or resale in New York state to have an identifying serial number in legible bold-faced figures in one of certain specified areas on the bicycle; requires advertisements for bicycles to clearly and conspicuously include a photograph of such bicycles; exempts online marketplaces from placing identifying serial numbers on bicycles.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.01859	MYRIE	Requires issuers of credit cards to give the cardholder at least 45 days written notice via email, text message, or written letter before closing the cardholder's account.	Passed the Senate
S.02149A	COMRIE	Requires that a business allow a consumer to cancel a contract between the two parties using the same method that was used to enter into the contract; provides exemptions.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.02540	MYRIE	Prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of certain toys and child care products containing phthalates; imposes a civil fine of not less than \$10,000 a day for violation of such provisions.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.03072	SANDERS	Prohibits the use of consumer credit history in hiring, employment and licensing determinations.	Chaptered 681

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S.03585	RAMOS	Prohibits the retail sale of spices that exceed lead level limits; defines spices and types of spices; establishes acceptable lead limits for various types of spices.	Passed the Senate
S.03695	SANDERS	Prohibits the inclusion of a confession of judgment in a contract or agreement for a financial product or service.	Passed the Senate
S.03876	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Requires that a billing statement delivered to the customer by an energy services company include a side-by-side comparison showing both the price charged by the energy service company for commodity and delivery service during the prior billing period, and the price the customer would have paid had they taken commodity and delivery service from their local utility corporation or municipality; requires an energy service company to provide each of its customers with an annual statement comparing the price charged by the energy service company for commodity and delivery services and other energy-related value-added products over the prior twelve-month period with the price such customer would have paid had they taken commodity and delivery service from their local utility corporation or municipality.	Chaptered 685
S.04153A	SANDERS	Prohibits food stores and retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash; provides a civil penalty will be assessed for such actions.	Chaptered 548
S.04391	GOUNARDES	Requires mobile applications on cell phones, smart phones and tablets that offer a subscription service provide an option to cancel the subscription on its application and have the option posted in a clear and conspicuous format.	Passed the Senate

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S.04413	MAY	Requires a business to delete a consumer's financial information after cancellation of an automatic renewal or continuous service, unless such consumer has affirmatively consented to retention of such financial information; requires such business to notify such consumer of such deletion.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.04433A	SKOUFIS	Requires the clear and conspicuous disclosure of pricing changes for online grocery delivery and online pick-up services; imposes a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than two hundred fifty dollars for a second and each subsequent offense for violations.	Substituted By A.1096B - Vetoed Memorandum 26
S.04500A	FAHY	Enacts the "consumer wheelchair repair bill of rights act" requiring manufacturers to make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, or tools necessary for repairing equipment; establishes a timely repair for wheelchair program; extends the warranty period for wheelchairs to 2 years; deems all wheelchair repairs needed within 5 years of initial prescription medically necessary.	Passed the Senate
S.04655	FAHY	Modifies what qualifies as an original equipment manufacturer and the manufacture date when hardware must comply with the right to repair law; repeals certain limitations on the right to repair law.	Passed the Senate
S.04879B	FAHY	Establishes standards for glass repair and calibration of advanced driver assistance systems for motor vehicle glass repair facilities.	Substituted By A.6943B - Chaptered 659
S.04989A	HARCKHAM	Requires utility service providers to disclose planned rate increases to consumers within thirty days before a planned price increase takes effect; requires utility providers to provide contact information and a mechanism to cancel service completely.	Reported to Senate Rules

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S.05597	MAY	Provides certain warranties and protections for purchasers of new and used motor vehicles; includes commercial and business purchasers under the Lemon Law.	Passed the Senate
S.05598	MAY	Enacts protections for private education loan borrowers and cosigners; requires certain notifications from creditors and debt collectors; prohibits acceleration; enacts provisions for cosigner release.	Passed the Senate
S.05599	MAY	Places a cap on the amount that a rental vehicle company may charge a renter for refueling a rental vehicle; imposes a maximum fine for a violation of such cap on charges.	Passed the Senate
S.05600	MAY	Provides for a cap on the credit service charge computed and collected on a retail instalment contract.	Passed the Senate
S.05655	RYAN C	voids provisions in construction contracts requiring retainage as expressly provided for by section seven hundred fifty-six-c of the general business law in an amount exceeding five percent of the contract sum.	Substituted By A.5405 - Chaptered 654
S.05708	SKOUFIS	Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers from charging a subscription fee for certain functions of a motor vehicle after the vehicle is sold; provides that any manufacturer, dealer, or agent of a manufacturer or dealer that fails to comply with such requirements shall be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per point of sale for each violation.	Vetoed Memorandum 91

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S.05771	MAY	Requires original manufacturers of agricultural equipment to make certain documentation, parts, and tools required for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural equipment available, on fair and reasonable terms, to independent repair providers and owners of agricultural equipment manufactured and sold on or after July 1, 2015.	Reported to Senate Agriculture
S.06446	MAY	Requires entities that access a consumer's consumer credit report to notify such consumer of their right to obtain a security freeze, in addition to other information necessary to place, temporarily lift or permanently lift such security freeze; prohibits notices to consumers of their right to obtain a security freeze from containing advertising for paid services.	On Calendar 946 Opposite House
S.06722	BASKIN	Defines a "protected consumer" as an individual who is under the age of eighteen years.	Substituted By A.4521 - Chaptered 514
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S.06985	MAY	Requires every person, corporation, association or partnership who rents helmets or provides helmets to customers as part of their business to ensure that such helmets are undamaged.	Passed the Senate
S.07483	MAY	Requires the department of state to make renewed appearance enhancement licenses and certificates and renewed barber licenses and certificates available on its website in a portable document format for download by the person whose license or certificate has been renewed.	Passed the Senate

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.07494A	GIANARIS	Provides for securities fraud whistleblower incentives and protections; defines terms; grants whistleblower awards for one or more whistleblowers who voluntarily provide original information to the attorney general that was the basis for a successful covered enforcement action; protects whistleblowers from retaliation; authorizes the attorney general to adopt any necessary rules and regulations; makes related provisions.	Passed the Senate
S.07585	CLEARE	Authorizes owners of mobile barber shops to obtain barber shop owner's licenses provided that they can furnish proof of proper layout, adequate equipment for the shop, sanitary conditions in the shop and good moral character.	Passed the Senate
S.07668A	FERNANDEZ	Prohibits the knowing sale of xylazine above a certain weight to persons under the age of 21 and without proof of the intended use for institutional, veterinary, or scientific purposes.	Reported to Senate Rules
S.07727	SKOUFIS	Requires self-help practitioners to disclose information to clients regarding risks and to produce a risk management plan.	Passed the Senate
S.07821A	MAY	Prohibits the sale of children's products, mattresses and upholstered furniture containing fiberglass unless they contain a prominent label; defines children's product; prohibits custom upholsterers from repairing or restoring any children's product, mattress or furniture with parts that contain fiberglass; provides remedies for violations.	Passed the Senate

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