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The Impact on New York's Counties

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Executive Summary

The mission of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) is to represent, educate, advocate for, and serve the 62 counties of New York State, including the City of New York. During the 2022 Legislative Session, NYSAC staff, together with our membership, worked with the State Legislature and Governor in support or opposition to numerous legislative and budget items.

The regular 2022 Legislative Session consisted of 62 session days beginning on January 5th and concluding on June 4th. During that time, the Legislature passed 1,007 bills through both houses, a modern-day record and slightly more than the 984 in 2021. The Legislature also passed the State Budget, which is the primary vehicle for counties to advance their priorities and which contained several wins for counties, including investments in essential county services, local infrastructure, election administration, public health, and renewable energy.

Additionally, Governor Hochul called the legislature back to Albany for an extraordinary session on June 30th and July 1st to respond to the Supreme Court's decision in *NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*. This legislation, along with a concurrent resolution to protect equal rights protections which passed through both chambers during the extraordinary session, is included within this report.

This report provides a snapshot of legislation that was passed by both the Senate and Assembly after the budget was enacted. The bills included here will have a direct or indirect impact on counties if they are signed into law (a complete summary of the county impact of the SFY 2023 Enacted State Budget can be found at www.nysac.org/nysbudget). Each section provides the bill number (with direct links to the bill text via an electronic document), a brief description, and where it is in the legislative process, including:

- Chapter Number (signed) or Veto Message,
- “Delivered to the Governor” date (the Governor has 10 days to act not including Sundays), and
- “Passed Both Houses” – Passed Assembly and Senate, awaiting the Governor's action.

2022 Legislative Session Overview: Non-Budget Legislative Action

Legislation that Passed Both Houses of the Legislature

NYSAC has identified the following pieces of legislation, categorized by issue area, that have or may have an impact on our county governments. These are bills that have passed both the State Senate and State Assembly.

Agriculture

New York State Council on Food Policy - [A.3954-B \(Thiele\)](#) / [S.549-B \(Sanders\)](#)

This legislation establishes a Council on Food Policy to develop a comprehensive, coordinated state food policy plan. The responsibilities of this new council include developing policies that:

- Provide fresh and nutritious food to New Yorkers,
- Expand local agriculture production,
- Provide a strategic plan for implementation of the state food policy, including benchmarks and criteria for measuring progress in achieving objectives,
- Assist local farmers and food businesses to succeed and grow,
- Support and expand programs to recruit, train and provide technical assistance to New York farmers, food producers, food processors and residents to encourage the production and processing of local farm and food products, and
- Facilitate the use of public lands for growing local farm or food products.

Status: Passed Both Houses

New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program - [A.1539 \(Lupardo\)](#) / [S.4082 \(Hinchey\)](#)

This legislation expands eligibility for the New York State Young Farmer Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program. Whereas applicants previously had to graduate from college within the last two years, they can now apply if they have farmed for no more than ten consecutive years, and agree to farm for at least five years. The legislation is intended to incentivize more young graduates to become farmers and contribute to the state's agricultural industry.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Economic Development

Notice Prior to Industrial Development Agencies Project Approval - [A.10056 \(Solages\)](#) / [S.3256 \(Comrie\)](#)

This legislation requires IDAs to send notifications of proposed financial incentives for a project to the affected local taxing jurisdictions.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Digital Fair Right to Repair Act - [A.7006-B \(Fahy\)](#) / [S.4104-A \(Breslin\)](#)

This legislation would help to end the monopoly that currently exists on repair services by requiring digital electronics manufacturers to make non-trade secret diagnostic and repair information available to third-party repairers and equipment owners. The final legislation notably exempts motor vehicles, medical devices, off-road equipment (including farm, utility, forestry, industrial, and construction equipment), and home appliances with a digital electronic product embedded within it.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Elections

Counting Affidavit Ballots - [A.642-C \(Carroll\)](#) / [S.284-C \(Myrie\)](#)

This legislation allows a ballot to be counted even if the envelope is invalid, the voter appears in the wrong election district, and/or if the voter goes to a polling place that is different than the one they were assigned, as long as it is in the correct county and includes their correct assembly district.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Extends Electronic Absentee Ballots - [A.8784 \(Walker\)](#) / [S.7845 \(Myrie\)](#)

This legislation is a chapter amendment to legislation that created the statewide electronic absentee ballot application transmittal system and extends the effective date to April 1, 2022.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 132 of the Laws of 2022

Establishment of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York State - [S.1046-E \(Myrie\)](#) / [A.6678-E \(Walker\)](#)

This legislation seeks to codify provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were impacted by the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby v Holder* (2013). The legislation will:

- Launch a "preclearance" program that requires local governments with records of discrimination to prove that proposed voting changes will not harm voters of color before they can go into effect,
- Provide new legal tools to fight discriminatory voting provisions in court,
- Expand language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency,
- Create strong protections against voter intimidation, deception, or obstruction,
- Instruct state judges to interpret election laws in a pro-voter way whenever possible so that close questions of legal interpretation are resolved in favor of the rights of qualified voters, and
- Establish through companion legislation a central hub for election data and demographic information that will empower officials and community members to ensure accessible elections.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 226 of the Laws of 2022

Environment & Energy

Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022 - [A.10439 \(Fahy\)](#) / [S.9405 \(Parker\)](#)

To support the Climate Act goals, this legislation authorizes NYSERDA and DOS to establish energy and water efficiency performance standards for appliances and equipment. In developing these regulations, they must provide opportunities for public comment and coordinate with other states where feasible.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 374 of the Laws of 2022

Carpet Stewardship - [A.9279-A \(Englebright\)](#) / [S.5027-C \(Kavanagh\)](#)

To reduce carpet waste in landfills, this legislation requires carpet producers to establish carpet collection programs and assume the responsibility and cost for collection and recycling. The legislation also prohibits the use of PFAS in carpeting.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Electric Services Billing Updates - [A.7256-A \(Rivera\)](#) / [S.1979-A \(Jackson\)](#)

This legislation requires electricity bills to include additional information about pricing and usage to provide customers with more transparency and predictability.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Municipal Recycling Funding - [A.8300 \(McDonald\)](#) / [S.9330 \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation changes the definition of “cost” in the environmental conservation law to allow a municipality to obtain additional funding for recycling projects without limiting the availability of state funding.

Status: Passed Both Houses

NYSERDA Microgrid Recommendations - [A.8418-A \(Cruz\)](#) / [S.8650-A \(Parker\)](#)

This legislation requires the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to develop recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids in New York State. The report will contain recommendations about whether microgrids should be established at critical facilities, which geographic areas of the state should be prioritized for the establishment of microgrids, and the available funding for the establishment of microgrids.

Status: Passed Both Houses

NYSERDA Report on Replacement of Electric Generating Sites - [A.340-B \(Zebrowski\)](#) / [S.1829-B \(Skoufis\)](#)

This legislation directs the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to produce a report, within 18 months, analyzing the feasibility of siting renewable energy sources at decommissioned or dormant electric generating sites. The report will consist of information collected by surveying sites, identifying opportunities for development, and assessing the economic impact with the goal of remedying the losses incurred by the closure of power plants.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Pollinator Friendly Medians - [A.8275-A \(Kelles\)](#) / [S.660-A \(May\)](#)

This legislation encourages the use of native pollinator friendly plant species in medians along highways.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Moratorium on Cryptocurrency Mining Operations - [A.7389-C \(Kelles\)](#) / [S.6486-D \(Parker\)](#)

This legislation establishes a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations based on proof-of-work transaction authentication methods using carbon-based fuel and requires the completion of a comprehensive generic environmental impact study of cryptocurrency mining operations using the proof-of-work methodology.

Status: Passed Both Houses

General Government Operations

Adult Survivors Act - [A.648-A \(Rosenthal\)](#) / [S.66-A \(Hoylman\)](#)

Building on the Child Victims Act, this legislation opens a one-year window for individuals who were 18 years or older at the time when sexual offenses were committed against them and were previously time-barred by statutes of limitations from seeking civil redress against their abuser or their abuser's enablers.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 203 of the Laws of 2022

Requires County Websites to Use “.Gov” - [A.9276-A \(Paulin\)](#) / [S.8561-A \(Skoufis\)](#)

This legislation requires the use of a “.gov” domain for any county-maintained website to provide greater security than a “.com” or “.org” domain. The effective date is August 1, 2024.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Electronic Notarization - [A.8691 \(Rozić\)](#) / [S.7780 \(Skoufis\)](#)

This legislation establishes a temporary program to allow for the remote notarization of documents to allow for continued electronic notarization before the permanent program is scheduled to begin in January 2023.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 104 of the Laws of 2022

Developmentally Disabled Statutory Language Updates - [A.7882-A \(Abinanti\)](#) / [S.6789-A \(Persaud\)](#)

This legislation amends multiple sections of law to replace instances of the derogatory term “mentally retarded” with “developmentally disabled.”

Status: Passed Both Houses

Municipal Hazard Vehicle Green Lights - [A.811-A \(Wallace\)](#) / [S.3532-A \(Kennedy\)](#)

This legislation allows for the use of green lights on state and municipally-owned snow removal vehicles to increase visibility during winter weather events.

Status: Passed Both Houses

County-wide Shared Services Reform - [S.8887-A \(Cooney\)](#) / [A.10337-A \(Lunsford\)](#)

This legislation makes shared services proposals from previous plans eligible for state matching funds. Currently, actions are eligible for state matching funds only if they are implemented during the year immediately following the plan's approval, which discourages the realization of shared services that were previously proposed but not implemented.

Status: Passed Both Houses

County Home Rule Authorizations

Transfer of the North County Trailway from the State to Westchester County - [A.4017 \(Abinanti\)](#) / [S.1138 \(Harckham\)](#)

This legislation authorizes the commissioner of general services to convey real property in Westchester County, the North County Trailway, to Westchester County.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Authorizes Madison County to Impose a Real Estate Tax - [A.8334 \(Salka\)](#) / [S.7532 \(May\)](#)

This legislation amends tax law to allow Madison County to impose an additional tax on real estate transfers of two dollars per each five hundred dollars.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 397 of the Laws of 2022

Authorizes Albany County to Impose an Additional Surcharge for 911 Telephone System Maintenance - [A.9269 \(McDonald\)](#) / [S.8246 \(Breslin\)](#)

This legislation amends county and tax law to allow Albany County to impose an additional ninety-five cent surcharge per access line, per month. These funds will be used for the costs associated with obtaining, operating, and maintaining telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 259 of the Laws of 2022

Erie County Bond Sales - [A.9365 \(Peoples-Stokes\)](#) / [S.8129 \(Kennedy\)](#)

This legislation continues the flexibility provided to Erie County in marketing serial bonds at private sales. Specifically, allowing Erie County to adjust coupon rates, maturities, and general conditions of the sales.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 329 of the Laws of 2022

Extends Provisions of the Assessment Review Procedure in Nassau County - [A.10121 \(Lavine\)](#) / [S.9390 \(Kaminsky\)](#)

This legislation extends the expiration of provisions in real property tax law and the Nassau County administrative code related to assessments and assessment review.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 289 of the Laws of 2022

Extends the County Mortgage Recording Tax in Livingston County - [A.9790 \(Byrnes\)](#) / [S.8673 \(Gallivan\)](#)

This legislation permits Livingston County to extend the county mortgage recording tax through December 1, 2025.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 454 of the Laws of 2022

Imposition of an Additional 1% Sales and Compensating Use Tax in the City of Ogdensburg - [A.9901 \(Walczyk\)](#) / [S.8846 \(Ritchie\)](#)

This legislation amends tax law to authorize St. Lawrence County to impose a tax on the City of Ogdensburg. The County will impose an additional 1% sales and compensating use tax on the city with one half of the additional revenue going to the City of Ogdensburg.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 460 of the Laws of 2022

Human Services

Authorized Childcare Services - [A.7661 \(Hevesi\)](#) / [S.6655-A \(Brisport\)](#)

This legislation provides social service districts with more flexibility in providing childcare assistance by stipulating that they are not required to limit services strictly based on the work, training, or educational schedule of the parents or the number of hours the parents spend in work, training, or educational activities.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Electronic Welfare Paperwork - [A.9118-A \(Rosenthal, L\)](#) / [S.6348-A \(May\)](#)

This legislation authorizes and directs county public welfare districts to accept paperwork electronically, making permanent the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Homeless Youth Shelter Maximum Age - [A.2263 \(Fernandez\)](#) / [S.813 \(Biaggi\)](#)

This legislation raises the maximum age that a homeless youth can receive transitional shelter services from 21 to 24.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Judiciary

Wrongful Death Lawsuit Reforms - [A.6770 \(Weinstein\)](#) / [S.74-A \(Hoylman\)](#)

This legislation would amend Estates, Powers, and Trusts Law to extend the amount of time to commence an action for wrongful death claims, increase the amount in monetary damages that individuals can recover in litigation over a wrongful death, and expand the definition of who can bring wrongful death suits.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Family Court & Supreme Court Judge Expansion - [S.9466 \(Hoylman\)](#) / [A.10505 \(Lavine\)](#)

This legislation creates an additional fourteen supreme court justices across eleven of the thirteen judicial districts and seven family court justices (four in New York City, one in Nassau County, and two in Saratoga County).

This legislation takes effect immediately with elections being held in November 2022 for a term to begin in January 2023.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 365 of the Laws of 2022

Local Government Finance

Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemptions - [A.1980 \(Dinowitz\) / S.8570 \(Gounardes\)](#)

This legislation requires municipalities with property tax exemptions for senior citizens to send a second eligibility notice thirty days prior to the filing deadline for the tax exemptions.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Notice of Assessment Challenges - [A.944-A \(Magnarelli\) / S.953-A \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation requires businesses that make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) to provide local governments and school districts with notice of their intention to file an assessment challenge.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Responsible Party Financial Benefit Prevention - [A.2620 \(Theile\) / S.956 \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation prevents water polluters from benefitting from state assistance payments/grants to municipalities by prohibiting them from being considered collateral sources. This will help to increase awards that may be granted to municipalities and recipients in such litigation.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Piggybacking Extension - [A.9880 \(Thiele\) / S.8717 \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation extends until 2026 the authority of localities to purchase goods and services that were competitively bid from federal and state contracts, otherwise known as “piggybacking.”

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 455 of the Laws of 2022

Valuation of Condominiums for Real Property Taxation Purposes - [A.3491-B \(Galef\) / S.5946-B \(Reichlin-Melnick\)](#)

This legislation allows municipalities to voluntarily opt-in to a new system of valuing newly constructed and converted cooperative and condominium units as they would other real property to alleviate any negative impacts placed on the locality by the current statute. This legislation does not apply to special assessing districts such as New York City and Nassau, and therefore they are not affected by the passage of this legislation.

Status: Passed Both Houses

New Definition of Temporary Total Disability – [S.768 \(Gounardes\) / A.1118 \(Bronson\)](#)

This legislation defines temporary total disability as an employee's inability to perform his or her pre-injury employment duties or any modified employment offered by the employer that is consistent with the employee's disability. This new provision of law would provide permanently disabled workers wage-replacement benefits if they are unable to return to gainful employment.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Public Employee Relations & Labor

Study on the Current Civil Service Examination Process - [A.8767 \(Reyes\) / S.7695 \(Sepulveda\)](#)

This legislation directs the President of the Civil Service Commission to conduct a study on the current civil service examination process to identify areas for improvement in the examination process to ensure diversity in recruitment and hiring.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 144 of the Laws of 2022

Accidental Disability Retirement for Deputy Sheriffs - [S.8559 \(Gounardes\) / A.9666 \(Abbate\)](#)

This legislation authorizes local governments to provide an accidental disability retirement benefit for deputy sheriffs in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the deputy sheriff's final average salary.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Public & Mental Health

Criminalizes Falsifying COVID-19 Vaccination Records - [A.8700 \(Dinowitz\) / S.7759 \(Kaplan\)](#)

This legislation clarifies that a person who falsely enters, alters, or destroys computer data indicating that a person did or did not receive a vaccination against COVID-19 could be guilty of computer tampering in the third degree.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 24 of the Laws of 2022

Dakota's Law - [A.7325-C \(Peoples-Stokes\) / S.5024-D \(Rivera\)](#)

This legislation establishes a comprehensive system of measures to prevent and address instances of elevated blood lead levels in children. The measures include:

- A requirement that primary health care providers provide guidance on lead poisoning prevention and county contact information as part of routine care,
- A requirement that the Department of Health develop, update, and make available on their website a standardized lead exposure risk assessment questionnaire, which primary health care providers are required to conduct at least annually or at each routine well-child visit for children 6 months to 6 years of age,
- A requirement that pre-kindergarten and kindergarten institutions be added to lead screening requirements and provide lead poisoning information to parents, and
- Language granting pre-kindergarten institutions access to statewide and citywide immunization information systems and registries to allow confirmation that enrolling students have been screened for lead and access to educational materials in the case of students with elevated blood lead levels.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Emerging Contaminants List - [A.8832 \(Gottfried\) / S.7690 \(Skoufis\)](#)

This legislation amends a chapter of law that required 40 substances to be added to the list of emerging contaminants. It automatically adds 23 substances, removes three, and

presumptively includes 14 that must be reviewed before January 1, 2024. It also gives the Department of Health 180 days instead of 90 days to promulgate regulations.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2022

Fentanyl Abuse and Overdose Protection Task Force - [A.9348 \(Cusick\) / S.8516 \(Savino\)](#)

This legislation establishes the Fentanyl Abuse and Overdose Prevention Task Force in response to the rising fentanyl overdose deaths. The Task Force is required to conduct a comprehensive study on fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention and prepare a report for the Governor and Legislature.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Financial Responsibility for Human Postexposure Rabies Treatment - [A.7408-A \(Gottfried\) / S.7501 \(Hinchey\)](#)

This legislation requires insurers to accept authorization by a county health authority as satisfying any pre-approval requirements for postexposure rabies treatment coverage. The legislation also requires the State Commissioner of Health to set reimbursement rates for the treatment and requires providers to accept those rates.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Modernizes Terminology Related to Developmental Disabilities - [A.7443-C \(Abinanti\) / S.6195-B \(Persaud\)](#)

This legislation amends Social Services Law to replace instances of the term “mentally retarded” with “individuals with developmental disabilities.”

Status: Passed Both Houses

Public Safety

Increased Service Awards for Volunteer Ambulance Workers - [A.8328-A \(Stern\) / S.7399-A \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation authorizes local governments to provide additional Length of Service Award Program credits to volunteer ambulance workers participating beyond the current 40-year maximum timeframe.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Juvenile Recidivism and Cost of Incarceration Report - [A.9090-A \(Kelles\) / S.8231-A \(Salazar\)](#)

This legislation requires the Office of Children and Family Services to submit an annual report on juvenile incarceration and recidivism. The report requirement includes a host of information aimed at informing and improving the current system.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force - [A.9597 \(Thiele\) / S.8658 \(Gaughran\)](#)

This legislation extends the sunset date for the Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force, which was established in 2020, and extends the due date for its report to the Governor and Legislature.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 335 of the Laws of 2022

Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemption - [A.10155-A \(Zebrowski\)](#) / [S.9131 \(Reichlin-Melnick\)](#)

This legislation provides local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Green Lights for Mobile Crisis Team Vehicles - [A.9511-A \(Magnarelli\)](#) / [S.8524-B \(Harckham\)](#)

This legislation amends the vehicle and traffic law to allow members of a mobile crisis team the authority to mount a green light on their vehicles. These green lights, much like a volunteer first responder, signify to the public that this individual is in-route to an emergency operation.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Gun Legislation Package

In the final days of the 2022 Legislative Session, state lawmakers passed a series of bills to strengthen New York's gun laws in response to mass shootings in Buffalo and other locations across the United States. On June 6th, Governor Hochul signed all these measures into law.

[A.10504 \(Burgos\)](#) / [S.9456 \(Sepulveda\)](#) – Amends the definition of a firearm to include firearms that may exist in a modified form.

[A.10428-A \(People-Stokes\)](#) / [S.9229-A \(Hoylman\)](#) – Repeals the grandfathering of large-capacity ammunition feeding devices to close the loophole surrounding their legality.

[A.10503 \(Jackson\)](#) / [S.9458 \(Thomas\)](#) – Extends state laws related to license obtainment, license maintenance, and criminal purchases and sales to include semiautomatic rifles. This would apply to purchases made 18 days after the legislation is signed into law.

[A.10497 \(Jacobson\)](#) / [S.9407-B \(Kavanagh\)](#) – Amends the penal law to include unlawful purchase and sale of a body vest, general business law to include unlawful sale or delivery of body vests; and requires that the sale of body vests be done in person.

[A.7926-A \(Rosenthal, L\)](#) / [S.4116-A \(Hoylman\)](#) – Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to certify the viability of microstamping-enabled pistols and, if certified as viable, establish ensuing performance standards, verification processes, and processes and standards for entities engaged in the service of microstamping-enabled pistols. The legislation also defines the unlawful sale of non-microstamping-enabled firearms and unlawful modification of microstamping-enabled pistols.

[A.10502 \(Cahill\) / S.113-A \(Skoufis\)](#) – This legislation extends laws regarding extreme risk protection orders (EPROs) to include:

- Authorization of certain healthcare providers to file an application for an extreme risk protection order against a person who they treated in the six months immediately preceding the filing of the petition,
- Protections for healthcare providers filing an order by authorizing them to disclose protected health information as is necessary for investigation and disposition of an application to occur,
- Placement of responsibility for developing, maintaining, and disseminating written policies and procedures and educational materials regarding extreme risk protection orders on the State Police and Municipal Police Training Council, and
- Expansion of the scope of the term “mental health professional.”

[A.1023-A \(Paulin\) / S.4970-A \(Kavanagh\)](#) – Expands required reporting by state or local law enforcement to the criminal gun clearinghouse on guns seized or recovered from unlawful possession, or crime scenes, believed to be associated with the commission of a crime or were otherwise recovered as abandoned or discarded. Adds a new Article 39-BB to the general business law to prevent the unlawful sale of firearms, rifles, and shotguns to individuals with a criminal record.

[A.6716-A \(Wallace\) / S.89-B \(Kaminsky\)](#) – Establishes and defines the crime of making a threat of mass harm as making a threat to cause to commit serious injury or death at places of assembly and said threat causes lockdown or evacuation. Establishes and defines the crime of making an aggravated threat of mass harm as taking any action in the furtherance of such threats.

[A.10501 \(Meeks\) / S.9465 \(Balley\)](#) – Establishes a task force on social media and violent extremism

[A.7865-A \(Fahy\) / S.4511-A \(Kaplan\)](#) – Requires social media networks conducting business in NYS to provide and maintain a clear and accessible mechanism for individual reports of hateful conduct as well as an available policy on how reports will be responded to and addressed.

Extraordinary Session

Concealed Carry Permits - [S.51001 \(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

On June 30th and July 1st, the State Legislature reconvened in Albany to debate and pass legislation in response to the recent Supreme Court decision in *NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* which struck down aspects of New York State's concealed carry laws – New York Penal Law §400.00.

The [legislation](#) changes the concealed carry permitting process and adds specific eligibility requirements, including the taking and passing of firearm training courses for permit applicants.

The legislation also identifies sensitive locations where it is prohibited to carry a concealed weapon and establishes that private property owners must expressly allow a person to possess a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on their property.

Additionally, the legislation strengthens and clarifies the law relating to the sale of body armor and the safe storage of firearms. The bill will take effect on September 1, 2022. An appeals board will be created for those applicants whose license is denied, which will take effect on April 1, 2023.

Status: Signed by Governor, Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2022

Equal Rights Amendment - [S.51002 \(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

During the extraordinary session, the legislature also passed a constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for reproductive healthcare and autonomy. The concurrent resolution proposed an amendment to section 11 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to equal protection. To take effect, the resolution must be passed by the legislature again next session and then approved by voters in a referendum.

Status: Passed Both Houses, Delivered to the Attorney General

Transportation & Public Works

Buy American Salt Act - [A.7919-A \(Bronson\)](#) / [S.9441 \(Kennedy\)](#)

This legislation enacts the Buy American Salt Act, which requires that salt used or supplied in the performance of a government contract be mined or harvested in the United States.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Incentivizes Complete Street - [A.8936-A \(Fahy\)](#) / [S.3897 \(Kennedy\)](#)

This legislation reduces the financial responsibility of municipalities in highway construction and improvement projects if they agree to incorporate complete street features.

Status: Passed Both Houses

Disabled Access Parking Enforcement - [A.9805 \(Magnarelli\)](#) / [S.8822 \(Kennedy\)](#)

This legislation closes a loophole related to the enforcement of illegal parking in accessible spaces. Local law enforcement is now explicitly authorized to enforce illegal parking at large retail establishments with less than five stores.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 424 of the Laws of 2022

ZEV Marketing Strategy - [A.8718 \(Englebright\)](#) / [S.7788 \(Harckham\)](#)

This legislation substitutes the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as the lead marketing strategy developer for zero emission vehicles.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 109 of the Laws of 2022



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