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SENATE BILL	ASSEMBLY BILL	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	IUC BILL?	SUPPORT/OPOSE
S7186 BROOKS	A534A JONES	3/16/21 PASSED SENATE 1/10/22 ASSM AMENDED AND SENT TO LOCAL GOVT COMM	EMS COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDES THAT AUTHORITIES HAVING CONTROL OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE COMPANY WHICH PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MAY ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES.	Y	GRASS ROOTS EFFORT FOR 2022!
S7737 KAMINSKY	A8723 ENGLBRIGHT	1/10/22 ORDERED TO 3 RD READING 1/11/22 ASSM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	THIS IS A CHAPTER AMENDMENT THAT MAKES CHANGES TO PROVISIONS OF L.2021, C.829, CLARIFYING PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS CONTAINING CERTAIN FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS.	Y	IUC
S6970 KAVANAGH	A8802 ZEBROWSKI	1/5/22 SEN INSURANCE COMM 1/12/22 ASSM INSURANCE COMM	AMEND §54-G, STATE FINANCE LAW TO PROVIDE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODES USING MONIES PAID INTO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT BY THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY	Y	IUC
BILLS IN BOTH CHAMBERS					
S7623A GAUGHRAN	A8591 THIELE	1/11/22 PASSED SENATE 1/11/22 PASSED ASSEMBLY	EXTENDS PROVISIONS OF LAW AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PERMIT ANY PUBLIC BODY TO HOLD MEETINGS REMOTELY AND WITHOUT IN-PERSON ACCESS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY, UNTIL THE EMERGENCY IS DECLARED TO BE OVER.	N	DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE 1/12/22
S5331C STEC	A857A JONES	1/13/22 SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/10/22 AMENDED AND SENT TO LOCAL GOVT COMM	RELATES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES; REQUIRES A REPORT ON ISSUES OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE SERVICES STAFFING.	N	SUPPORT
S3532 KENNEDY	A811A WALLACE	1/5/22 SEN TRANSPORTATION COMM 1/12/22 ASSM TRANSPORTATION COMM	AUTHORIZES STATE AND MUNICIPALLY OWNED VEHICLES TO AFFIX GREEN OR ALTERNATING GREEN AND AMBER LIGHTS TO MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING VISIBILITY DURING WINTER WEATHER EVENTS.	N	SUPPORT
S3662A COMRIE	A8639 GONZALEZ- ROJAS	1/6/22 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 1/10/22 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	THIS BILL WOULD INCENTIVIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BY PROVIDING A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TAX CREDIT TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO INSTALL SUCH SYSTEMS.	N	SUPPORT
S7560 ORTT	A3783 NORRIS	12/3/21 SENATE RULES COMM 1/28/21 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	THIS ACT SHALL ESTABLISH THE NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT. FIRST, THIS LEGISLATION WOULD DIVERT MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE THAT ARE CURRENTLY DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND INTO A NEWLY CREATED FUND KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT. SECOND, THE ACCOUNT WILL BE USED TO REIMBURSE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR EXPENSES INCURRED RELATED TO PROCURING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: FACE SHIELDS, EYE PROTECTION, ISOLATION GOWNS, FACE MASKS, RESPIRATORS, AND TURNOUT GEAR. LASTLY, MONIES COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED INTO THE ACCOUNT MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS	N	MONITOR

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			AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR LOST REVENUE DUE TO EITHER MUNICIPAL BUDGET CUTS OR THE CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS SUCH AS FUNDRAISERS OR CHARITY EVENTS. <i>[This takes funding from County 911 centers and spreads it out for other purposes]</i>		
S670 SANDERS	A8289 FAHY <i>(New Sponsor)</i>	5/18/21 SEN FINANCE COMM 10/6/21 ASSM BANKS COMM)	ALLOWS CREDIT UNIONS, SAVINGS BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS TO ACCEPT AND SECURE DEPOSITS FROM MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS	N	SUPPORT
S926 KAPLAN	A3318A SAYEGH	1/10/22 AMENDED TO 3 RD READING 1/5/22 ASSM ENERGY & TELECOM	REQUIRES ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS TO PRIORITIZE RESTORING SERVICES TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES, WHEN SUCH SERVICES ARE INTERRUPTED	N	SUPPORT
S7718 HINCHEY	A8790 SANTABARBARA	1/10/22 ORDERED TO 3 RD READING 1/12/22 ASSM GOVTL OPERATIONS	CHAPTER AMENDMENTS AN ACT TO AMEND A CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2021 ESTABLISHING THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TASK FORCE, AS PROPOSED IN LEGISLATIVE BILLS NUMBERS S. 3503-C AND A. 1561-C, IN RELATION TO MODIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TASK FORCE AND EXTENDING THE REPORT SUBMISSION DATE	N	SUPPROT
S7261 HOULMAN	A8155 PAULIN	INTRODUCED AFTER END OF SESSION 6/25/21 SEN RULES COMM 7/7/21 ASSM GOVTL OPS COMM	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S LAW, IN RELATION TO VIDEO CONFERENCING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND REQUIRING THAT THE MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING AT WHICH VIDEOCONFERENCING IS USED REFLECT SUCH FACT. PURPOSE: TO ALLOW PUBLIC BODIES THE FLEXIBILITY OF CONTINUING TO HOLD VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON/VIRTUAL HYBRID MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEW YORK'S OPEN MEETINGS LAW	N	MONITOR
SENATE ONLY BILLS					
S7558 JORDAN	NO SAME AS	12/01/21 SEN FINANCE COMM	ESTABLISHES THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM AND THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION FUND; MAKES AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.	N	MONITOR
S7718 HINCHEY	NO SAME AS	1/10/22 ORDERED TO 3 RD READING	THIS LEGISLATION AMENDS THE UNDERLYING CHAPTER BY PROVIDING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WITH TWO NEW APPOINTEES WITHIN THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TASK FORCE. ADDITIONALLY, THE REPORT SUBMISSION DATE WITHIN THE LEGISLATION IS ALSO AMENDED TO BE EXTENDED TO 18 MONTHS AFTER THE UNDERLYING CHAPTER TAKES EFFECT.	N	
ASSEMBLY ONLY BILLS					
NO SAME AS	A8674 BRABENEC	1/10/22 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	TO ENSURE THAT MUNICIPALITIES, FIRE DISTRICTS, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ABLE TO DISPLAY "SYMBOLS OF HOPE" INCLUDING A THIN BLUE LINE IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, A THIN RED LINE IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRE SERVICE, A THIN GRAY LINE IN SUPPORT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, A THIN WHITE LINE IN SUPPORT OF EMS PROFESSIONALS, A THIN PURPLE	N	SUPPORT

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			LINE IN SUPPORT OF SECURITY PROFESSIONALS, A THIN YELLOW LINE IN SUPPORT OF DISPATCHERS, AND A THIN GREEN LINE IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY AND CONSERVATION.		
NO SAME AS	A8682 LAWLER	1/10/22 ASSM CODES COMM	MAKES LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT PAROLE MANDATORY FOR DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE OR SECOND DEGREE AND THE VICTIM IS A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, FIRST RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER	N	SUPPORT
TOXIC BILLS					
			TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR TAXPAYERS RECEIVE THE COST SAVINGS BENEFITS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING BY PROVIDING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITH COMPTROLLER'S OPINIONS ON SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT ACTIONS AND BY HOLDING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ACCOUNTABLE FOR COMPLYING WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING LAW. AUTHORIZES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENJOIN AN ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT ACTION, ALLOWS A GOOD FAITH BIDDER WHO SHOULD HAVE WON A CONTRACT TO SUE FOR DAMAGES, ESTABLISHES A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A WILLFUL AND INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF THE LAW, AND SETS A FEE FOR INITIATING A COMPTROLLER'S OPINION. <i>[THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT MANY OF OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED AUDITS HAVE REPEATEDLY DISCLOSED INSTANCES WHERE ITEMS SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPETITIVELY BID BUT WERE NOT.]</i> READ THE COMPLETE JUSTIFICATION HERE: http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/navigate.cgi?NVDTO	N	OPPOSE
			WOULD AMEND CIVIL SERVICE LAW §75 [THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY HEARING STATUTE] TO REQUIRE THAT THE CASE BE HEARD BY A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR, THAT BOTH THE GOVERNING BOARD AND THE ACCUSED EMPLOYEE HAVE A SAY IN THE SELECTION OF AND WHO MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION, THE ABILITY TO SUSPEND WITHOUT PAY PENDING THE HEARING IS SEVERELY LIMITED. <i>[THIS IS A BILL THAT SHOULD BE OPPOSED BY ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS BECAUSE OF THE COSTS IT ADDS TO THE EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE PROCESS.]</i>	N	OPPOSE
			REQUIRES THE ELECTION OF FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME DATE AND SAME LOCATION AS ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. <i>[NOTE THAT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN MAY AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND FIRE DISTRICTS ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS GOING TO CAUSE MORE CONFUSION AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO FURTHER POLITICIZE FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS]</i>	N	OPPOSE
			CHANGES THE DATE FIRE DISTRICT VOTES TAKE PLACE; GIVES THE LOCAL		OPPOSE

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			BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONTROL OVER FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS. THIS BILL WOULD CHANGE THE ANNUAL ELECTION <u>IN CERTAIN FIRE DISTRICTS</u> TO THE FIRST TUESDAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER.		
			THIS AMENDMENT REALLOCATES ONE PERCENT OF AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE SUPERINTENDENT DEDUCTS THE EXPENSES OF COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION FROM THE AMOUNT THAT HE OR SHE RECEIVED FROM THE FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX PURSUANT TO INSURANCE LAW SECTIONS 9104 AND 9105 TO THE NEW YORK STATE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INSTEAD OF THE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.		OPPOSE
			RELATES TO REQUIRING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS .		OPPOSE
			REQUIRES THE ELECTION OF FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME DATE AND AT THE SAME LOCATION AS ELECTIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. [NOT CONTIGUOUS JURISDICTIONS]		OPPOSE
BUILDING CODE RELATED BILLS					
S6843a KAVANAGH	A8431 GALLAGHER	10/2921 SENATE HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 11/1/21 ASSM GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS	TOTAL ELECTRIC BUILDING MANDATE THIS BILL WOULD PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT IN NEW YORK STATE FOR ANY COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL OR MIXED-USE BUILDING FOR WHICH AN INITIAL PERMIT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED AFTER 12/31/23 UNLESS THE BUILDING WAS AN "ALL-ELECTRIC BUILDING," MEANING THAT ALL SPACE CONDITIONING, WATER HEATING AND APPLIANCES WERE ELECTRIC-POWERED, AND THAT ELECTRICITY WAS "THE SOLE SOURCE OF ENERGY" FOR SUCH PURPOSES. THE BILL ALLOWS EXEMPTIONS WHERE THIS MANDATE IS SHOWN TO BE "PHYSICALLY OR TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE," HOWEVER "FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS SHALL NOT BE A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO DETERMINE PHYSICAL OR TECHNICAL INFEASIBILITY." [IMAGINE HEATING APPARATUS ENGINE BAYS WITH ELECTRIC HEAT, INFEASEABLE AND COSTLY, IF THIS BILL PASSES FDs SHOULD MAKE THE PUSH FOR NON-DEMAND ELECTRIC BILLING]	N	OPPOSE COST TO HEAT AN APPARATUS BAY WITH ELEC HEAT WOULD BE ENOURMOUS
S3705 COMRIE	A4480 RODRIGUEZ	1/30/21 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM 12/10/21 ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN	This subdivision requires that all temporary and permanent dwellings in the state shall have installed an operable combustible gas detector that wirelessly connects to the gas company. Gas companies will release an annual report of the frequency of gas leaks by county. [DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE, WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP THE PRODUCT FOR HOME USE USING WIRELESS CONNECTION, COSTS WILL BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS FROM THE GAS COMPANIES. TO WHAT END?]	N	OPPOSE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE NOT PRACTICAL
S4547A HARCKHAM	NO SAME AS	12/8/21 AMEND & RECOMMIT TO LOCAL GOVT COMM.	THE BILL DIRECTS LOCALITIES TO ADOPT LOCAL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) ORDINANCES THAT: *ALLOW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS) ON LOTS ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND LOTS WHERE A RESIDENTIAL USE EXISTS; *PERMIT AT LEAST 1 ADU PER LOT;	N	OPPOSE, LEGISLATING CODE AND OVER RIDING LOCAL ZONEING ORDINANCES

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			<p>*ALLOW HOMEOWNERS TO BUILD ADUS AS-OF-RIGHT, AND PROVIDE THAT A PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED OR DENIED WITHIN 60 DAYS;</p> <p>*PROVIDE THAT ADUS CAN BE RENTED SEPARATELY FROM THE PRIMARY-RESIDENCE BUT CANNOT BE SEPARATELY SOLD;</p> <p>*REQUIRE THAT ADUS ARE RENTED FOR A TERM NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS; AND</p> <p>*ESTABLISH THAT ONLY HOMEOWNERS THAT OCCUPY A UNIT IN THE PRIMARY DWELLING MAY CREATE AN ADU, AND THAT THE HOMEOWNER MUST CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE PRIMARY DWELLING FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER CREATING AN ADU.</p> <p>THE BILL PROVIDES THAT RENTS IN ADUS CAN ONLY INCREASE BY 3%, OR 1.5 TIMES THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, PER YEAR.</p>		
S4008 BRESLIN	A3272 FAHY	1/5/22 SENATE CONSUMER PROTECTION COMM 1/5/22/ ASSM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ESTABLISHES THE WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION LICENSURE ACT, SETTING FORTH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF THE LAYOUT, INSTALLING, REPAIRING, INSPECTING, TESTING, OR MAINTAINING OF WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS.	N	OPPOSE DEFINITION INCLUDES NFPA 13D SPRINKLER INSTALLATIONS DRIVING UP THE COST OF INSTALLATION RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS
LEGISLATION OF INTEREST					
S222 TEDISCO	A4898 SIMPSON	OPINION REFERRED TO JUDICIARY AND TO AG FOR OPINION	PROVIDES FOR THE RECALL POWER OF THE ELECTORS TO REMOVE AN ELECTIVE OFFICER	N	MONITOR
S3073 SALAZAR	A6646 EPSTEIN	1/5/22 SEN REFERED TO JUDICIARY 1/5/22 TO AG FOR OPINION	AUTHORIZES VOTING BY INCARCERATED PEOPLE	N	MONITOR
NO SAME AS	A8481 BARCLAY	1/5/22 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	THIS LEGISLATION WOULD AMEND THE TAX LAW TO PROVIDE VARIOUS STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX EXEMPTIONS ON MOTOR FUEL, PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES AND READY-TO-EAT FOODS AT GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS. THIS LEGISLATION ALSO AUTHORIZES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ELIMINATE SUCH TAXES ON THESE PRODUCTS AT THEIR DISCRETION.	N	MONITOR

1. Any Assembly bill introduced in the regular legislative session of the first year of the term of the Assembly shall be deemed to be reintroduced for the second year of such term, provided such bill was:
 - a. not reported from a standing committee;
 - b. reported and referred;
 - c. recommitted to a standing committee; or
 - d. referred back to a standing committee by the Committee on Rules immediately prior to adjournment sine die.
2. Any Assembly bill introduced in the first year of the term of the Assembly, shall be deemed to be reintroduced for the second year of such term and referred to the committee where the bill was last referred, except that: (i) any bill that was last referred to the Committee on Rules shall be referred to the committee that reported the bill to the Committee on Rules; (ii) any bill that was on order of third reading shall be ordered to the order of third reading; (iii) any bill that was passed by the Assembly and did not become law, was not vetoed, or was substituted by a Senate bill which did not become law or was not vetoed, shall be ordered to the order of third reading, and further provided that:

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- a. any such bill which in such first year required a fiscal note as required by section 50 of the Legislative Law or home rule message for passage shall be referred to the committee to which such bill was originally referred;
- b. upon request of the introducer or the chairperson of the committee to which such bill was originally referred, such bill shall be committed to the committee to which it was originally referred provided, however, such request may not be made later than the second Wednesday following the commencement of the second year of the term of the Assembly;
- c. any such bill making an appropriation of money which was not referred to a committee pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; and
- d. upon the request of the chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, any bill not referred to a committee pursuant to subparagraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph, which in such first year was reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to section six of Rule IV shall be committed to the Committee on Ways and Means provided, however, such request may not be made later than the second Wednesday following the commencement of the second year of the term of the Assembly.