

POLICY DEPARTMENT

2019 NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

CITY BAR-SUPPORTED BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Consolidated Primaries:

State & federal primary elections now take place on the same day in June (A779 Lavine / S1103 Stewart-Cousins, Chp. 5)

Early Voting:

Voters will have nine days of early voting before every election (A780 Lavine / S1102 Myrie, Chp. 6)

Bail Reform:

Cash bail has been eliminated for most misdemeanors & non-violent felonies, among other reforms (Budget, Chp. 59)

Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act:

Judges now have greater discretion when sentencing defendants who are survivors of domestic violence (A3974 Aubry / S1077 Persaud, Chp. 31)

One-Day to Protect New Yorkers Act:

The maximum potential sentence for class A misdemeanors has been reduced by one day, decreasing potential deportation risks for immigrants (Budget, Chp. 55)

Driver's License Access & Privacy Act:

All New Yorkers will have access to driver's licenses, regardless of immigration status (A3675B Crespo / S1747B Sepulveda, Chp. 37)

Reproductive Health Act:

New York now properly recognizes a woman's right to the full range of reproductive health options afforded by Roe v. Wade (A21 Glick / S240 Krueger, Chp. 1)

Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA):

Employers, landlords, creditors, & others are now prohibited from discriminating against individuals on the basis of gender identity or expression (A747 Gottfried / S1047 Hoylman, Chp. 8)

Prohibition of the Declawing of Cats

(A1303B L. Rosenthal / S5532B Gianaris, Chp. 107)

Labor Protections for Immigrants:

Clarifies that threats to report or the act of actually reporting an employee or a member of their family to U.S. immigration authorities is prohibited by the Labor Law (A5501 Crespo / S5791 Ramos, Chp. 126)

Maternal Mortality Review Board:

The Board will "review maternal mortality & morbidity, analyze their causes & disseminate strategies for reducing the risks of maternal mortality & morbidity" (A3276 Joyner / S1819 Rivera, Chp. 140)

Combating Home Equity Scams:

Will provide further protections for homeowners who have been victimized by loan modification, short sale & deed theft scams (A5615 Weinstein / S1688 Montgomery, Chp. 167)

Labor Protections for Domestic Violence Victims:

Will prohibit discrimination against victims of domestic violence in employment & provide limited reasonable accommodations (A5618 Weinstein / S1040 Persaud, Chp. 176)

Second Parent Adoption:

Will clarify that a petitioner whose parentage is already legally-recognized can still adopt their child (A460 Paulin / S3999 Hoylman, Chp. 258)

Inter Vivos Trusts:

Changes to testamentary disposition to trustee under, or in accordance with, terms of existing inter vivos trust (A7519 Stirpe / S5513 Hoylman, Chp. 352)

Compensation for 18-B lawyers:

Will eliminate the two-tiered system of appellate representation by compensating assigned appellate lawyers when filing post-conviction motions (A748 Cook / S3672 Bailey, Chp. 446)

Uniform Voidable Transactions Act:

Will modernize New York's laws related to fraudulent conveyances (A5622 Weinstein / S4236 Hoylman, Chp. 580)

New York Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act:

Will help preserve generational family wealth held in real property & keep homes/communities intact by establishing basic due process protections for tenants-in-common facing forced partition sales (A7058A Dinowitz / S4865A Hoylman, Chp. 596)

Extended Jury Deliberations:

Judges will be given statutory authority to extend recesses in deliberations under limited circumstances in order to avoid unnecessary mistrials (A7751 Weprin / S6351 Bailey, Chp. 569)

Donees of Powers in Trust:

Will provide compensation for persons holding property pursuant to a power-in-trust at the same rate as testamentary trustees (A7522 Buchwald / S5512 Hoylman, Chp. 601)