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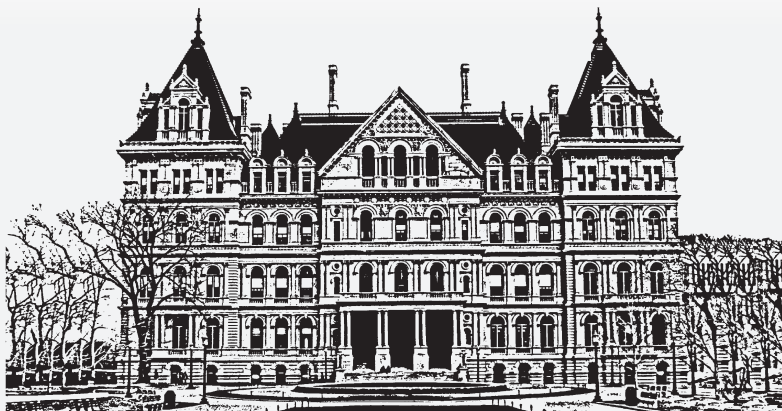
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## Cities Update



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A Legislative Report of the New York State Senate Committee on Cities  
**Senator Shirley L. Huntley, Chairperson November, 2010**

**Summary of 2010 Cities Committee Action**

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This 2010 *Legislative Update* is designed as a reference and summary of the action on bills introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Cities during the regular 2010 legislative session. It serves as the Committee's Annual Report as required by the Senate Rules.

The Cities Committee conducted ten meetings during the course of the legislative session. A total of 118 separate measures were reviewed by the Committee. Of these 28 were reported directly to the Senate Chamber for consideration or reported or discharged to another committee, such as the Finance or Rules Committees.

There were seven bills favorably reported by the Committee that became 2010 laws. In addition, there were four measures approved by the Senate that failed to gain the support of the State Assembly. Two bills were vetoed.

Brief explanations of the most significant measures reviewed by the Senate Cities Committee, as well as bills that were not referred to the committee but are of considerable interest to localities are also listed here.



Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings presents his legislative agenda to Senate Cities Committee Chairperson Shirley L. Huntley at the Committee's March 9th meeting in Albany.

## 2010 LAWS THAT AFFECT CITIES

*The following bills were approved by the New York State Senate Committee on Cities in the regular 2010 session and were subsequently passed by both the State Senate and Assembly and signed into law.*

**S1861-D KLEIN** Same as [A 8804-B](#) Benedetto

Provides for increased fines for overnight parking of tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, truck trailers and semi-trailers on residential streets in the city of New York.

Chapter 458

**S5597-B SQUADRON** Same as [A 8407-B](#) Gottfried

Relates to the applicability of local building codes to state and state agency owned buildings; creates the New York city-New York state task force on building and fire safety; provides for the powers and duties of such task force.

Chapter 283

**S5693 SAMPSON** Same as [A 2575](#) Weinstein (MS)

Establishes criteria for notice to be filed and served when done by electronic means in a city having a population of more than one million; provides for an application for leave to serve a late notice.

Chapter 12

**S6844-A HUNTLEY** Same as [A 8821-A](#) Kavanagh

Relates to contracts for public work projects and accommodation of private facilities or structures within a specified area of New York county; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

Chapter 469

**S7135 SQUADRON** Same as [A 10241](#) Silver

Extends a real property tax abatement program for certain commercial properties in cities having a population of one million or more and extends a special reduction under the commercial rent tax in the city of New York.

Chapter 22

**S7327-A** PADAVAN Same as [A 11041](#) Silver

Extends New York city's energy cost savings program and lower Manhattan energy program from 2010 until 2013.  
Chapter 406

**S7858-A** SQUADRON Same as [A 11099-A](#) Millman

Relates to imposing civil penalties for violations of the rules of the Brooklyn bridge park development corporation; provides for the adjudication of such violations by the environmental control board, and clarifies the authority of the NYC department of parks and recreation.

Chapter 167

## **PASSED BY SENATE ONLY**

*These measures were passed by the Senate in 2010 but were not approved by the State Assembly.*

**S2768-B** ONORATO Same as [A 4317-B](#) Gianaris

Would have authorized the city of New York to discontinue use of certain park land and convey it to the St. Michael's cemetery.

Passed by the Senate June 24, 2010

**S3705** HUNTLEY Same as [A 9741](#) Cook (MS)

Would have ordered the confiscation of property or devices, used in willful and continual violation of any provision of this code or order or regulation promulgated by the commission or the board, which belongs to any person classified as a persistent violator.

Passed by the Senate June 30, 2010

**S4528-A** KRUEGER Same as [A 407-A](#) Kavanagh

Would have provided that bicycle operators and the businesses affiliated with such operators shall be liable for such operator's failure to carry an identification card or certain other violations regarding the use of a bicycle for commercial purposes; changes violations for the failure to carry an identification card or certain other violation procedures and fines by a commercial bicycle operator; directs that certain violations relating to bicycles used for commercial purposes shall be tried before the environmental control board of the city of New York.

Passed by the Senate June 30, 2010

**S6225** KLEIN Same as [A 9460](#) Gunther

Would have authorized cities and villages to collect of delinquent real property taxes.

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2010

## **BILLS VETOED**

*These bills passed both houses of the Legislature but were vetoed by the Governor.*

**S5631-A** SAVINO Same as [A 10154](#) Abbate

Would have provided that a member with at least 20 years of creditable police or fire service in the retirement system shall not be precluded from any rights he is entitled otherwise to nor upon retirement shall his benefits be in any way diminished as a result of a discharge or dismissal. Veto 6833.

**S6784** SAVINO Same as [A 9885](#) Abbate

Would have provided for the training of fire officers in cities of one million or more relative to new fire and building codes. Veto 6824.

## **LAWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO CITIES**

*Although not referred to the Cities Committee, these measures have an impact on local governments.*

**S946-A** FARLEY Same as [A 2900-A](#) Tedisco

Authorizes Bethel A.M.E. Church to file applications for a real property tax exemption with the city of Schenectady.  
Chapter 317

**S1172** FARLEY Same as Uni. [A 3336](#) Tedisco

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Authorizes the city of Schenectady to accept an application for real property tax exemption from Union Graduate College.

Chapter 456

**S6720** STEWART-COUSINS Same as [A 10060](#) Pretlow

Relates to the issuance of serial bonds or notes by the city of Yonkers.

Chapter 125

**S6766** FARLEY Same as Uni. [A 9827](#) Amedore

Authorizes the city of Schenectady to accept an application for real property tax exemption from the Tabernacle of New Hope.

Chapter 403

**S6862** THOMPSON Same as [A 9951](#) Schimminger (MS)

Extends authorization for private sale of bonds and notes of the city of Buffalo to include serial bonds or notes issued on or before June 30, 2011.

Chapter 128

**S6997-A** SQUADRON Same as [A 9955](#) Silver

Authorizes the assessor of the borough of Manhattan to accept an application for exemption from real property taxes from Manhattan Youth Recreations and Resources, Inc. for a certain parcel of land located in the borough of Manhattan.

Chapter 66

**S7696** KRUGER Same as [A 11531](#) Rules (Farrell)

Relates to the sale of bonds and notes of the city of New York; extends provisions of state financial emergency act for the city of New York and other provisions from June 30, 2010 until June 30, 2011.

Chapter 172

**S7738-A** FARLEY Same as Uni. [A 10978-A](#) Amedore

Authorizes the city of Schenectady to enter into a contract to sell some or all of the delinquent tax liens held by such city to a private party.

Chapter 301

**S7876** STEWART-COUSINS Same as [A 10997](#) Spano

Provides that the board of the city of Yonkers industrial development agency shall be composed of 7 members, of which 6 members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Yonkers and 1 member shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council of Yonkers.

Chapter 475

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