



Assemblyman

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*Reports to the People*

*End of Year 2017*

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*Dear Constituent,*

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and all your loved ones. May all your efforts be successful, and may 2018 be the year that the dreams you've had for a long time will finally come true. May God's blessings be yours, bountiful and unlimited, and may the good Lord keep you and all your loved ones safe, in the best of health, and prosperous.

Along with my best wishes for your good health and safety throughout 2018, I also want to thank you for the great honor and privilege of serving you as your representative in the New York Assembly. I am truly grateful for your trust, which you have continuously placed in me, and assure you that I will continue to expend every effort to continue to earn, and maintain your confidence to keep me working for you.

As is the case nearly every year, it appears 2018 will once again be among the most challenging, especially due to the chaotic and disruptive state of the Federal Government under President Trump. Anticipated budget cuts will surely create difficulties in efforts to pass an on-time budget that will protect the gains we have made over the past two years.

As usual, I urge you again to communicate with me, so that I will always be aware of your concerns, and again, a very happy, healthy, prosperous, and safe New Year to you and all your loved ones.

*Working For You!*

Assemblyman N. Nick Perry



## **Assemblyman Perry Re-Elected to Second Term as Chairman of the NYS Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus**

At the close of legislative session in June, Assemblyman Perry was re-elected overwhelmingly by his colleagues in the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, & Asian Legislative Caucus to serve his second term as chairman of the 55 member body and will hold office through 2018.

During his first term as chairman, Assemblyman Perry and his caucus colleagues helped spearhead the movement for criminal justice reform, including the successful fight this year to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York. Under Assemblyman Perry's leadership the caucus has also advocated for further opportunities for minority- and women-owned business enterprises, pushed back against racial disparities in our public schools and was a leader in the efforts to ensure that immigrants across our state are treated fairly and able to pursue their own American dream.

*Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!*



# Legislative Update

## Perry's Bill to Create Special Office to Probe Civilian Deaths by the Police Passes Assembly

Keeping his promise to work to reform our criminal justice system Assemblyman Perry early in the year introduced legislation to create the Office of Special Investigation within the Department of Law to probe and prosecute any death of a civilian during an encounter with a police or peace officer in New York State.

The bill, A.5617, was meticulously designed by Assemblyman Perry to enhance public confidence in the integrity of investigations and court proceedings in instances involving the death of a person following an encounter with a police officer. The bill would authorize the New York Attorney General or, in potential conflict circumstances, an independent counsel to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute such cases. This bill would codify and serve to strengthen and expand the Executive Order No. 147 signed in 2015 by Governor Cuomo which appoints the Attorney General as a special prosecutor in matters relating to the deaths of unarmed civilians caused by law enforcement officers.



*Assemblyman Perry debates a bill on the floor of the Assembly Chamber.*

Requiring a truly independent special prosecutor to oversee cases where civilians are killed at the hands of law enforcement is a critical step forward in regaining the public's trust in our criminal justice system, said Assemblyman Perry. "This bill would help New Yorkers find justice in a situation where the ultimate injustice occurred."

The bill passed the Assembly during the 2017 Legislative Session, but stalled in the Senate. Assemblyman Perry plans on reintroducing the bill in January of 2018 and fighting to pass it into law.

## Perry Pushes Bill to Extend Permanent Certification for Immigrant Teachers

In an era where immigrants are seemingly under attack, Assemblyman Perry is leading the fight against such un-American sentiments and has introduced a bill to help immigrant educators continue to help America stay great.

Assemblyman Perry's bill would make permanent provisions which enable a legal resident whose immigration status is that of a lawful permanent resident of the United States and who would otherwise be eligible and qualified to serve as a teacher, to apply for and to receive Permanent Certification as a teacher.



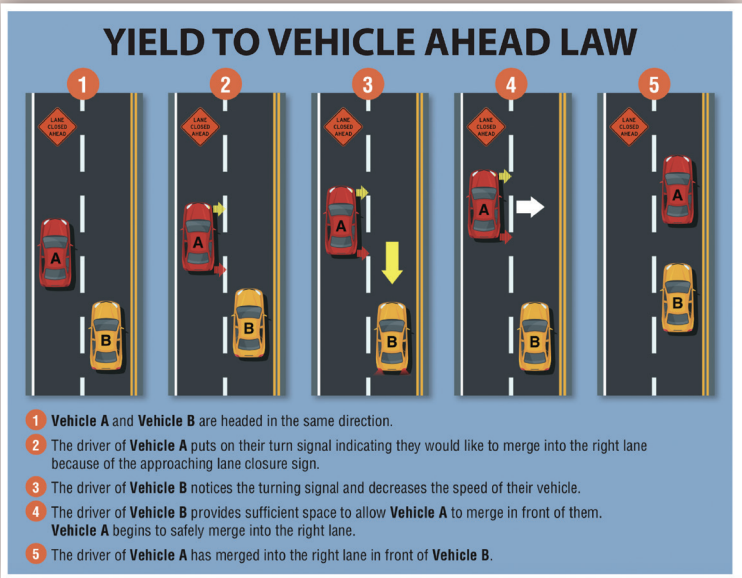
*Assemblyman Perry speaks at an Immigration Forum in East Flatbush. At the forum, Assemblyman Perry reaffirmed his commitment to the district's many immigrant families and vowed to resist any efforts to malign them.*

## Perry to Introduce Landmark Traffic Safety Legislation

Drawing from his 25-years of experience of driving to and from Albany, Assemblyman Perry has devised a plan to create a safer driving experience for those who travel on New York's highways and roadways.

In January, Assemblyman Perry is set to introduce the "Yield to Vehicle Ahead" Law. The bill would require drivers who currently have the right of way in the lane they are traveling to yield to merging traffic provided the driver merging is clearly ahead and has given appropriate signal of intention to change lanes.

Unsafe lane changes while driving are a leading cause of motor vehicle accidents, recent DMV statistics show that there are over 50,000 accidents annually in our state due to failure to yield and improper lane changes. Assemblyman Perry is confident his "Yield to Vehicle Ahead" Law will significantly reduce traffic accidents and the injuries and deaths caused by them.



- 1 Vehicle A and Vehicle B are headed in the same direction.
- 2 The driver of Vehicle A puts on their turn signal indicating they would like to merge into the right lane because of the approaching lane closure sign.
- 3 The driver of Vehicle B notices the turning signal and decreases the speed of their vehicle.
- 4 The driver of Vehicle B provides sufficient space to allow Vehicle A to merge in front of them. Vehicle A begins to safely merge into the right lane.
- 5 The driver of Vehicle A has merged into the right lane in front of Vehicle B.

# SCAM ALERT

## Assemblyman Perry Warns: Beware of Scammers

With unlimited access and use of internet in almost everything we do each day, every hard working person and family is at risk to be scammed for their hard earned money and property. Especially vulnerable to these criminal actors are seniors citizens, and anyone who is still willing to trust the security of the financial system.

*Some scams you should look out for include:*

### The Pigeon Drop Scam

A con artist offers the victim a large sum of money. In order to get this larger sum of money, they must risk a small amount of their own. The large amount of money and the victim's money are placed somewhere such as a safe deposit box, a money bag or a briefcase, for safekeeping then switched for something worthless.

Do not be conned into giving money, to get more, to anyone including those purporting to be men and women of God, who you don't know well/personally. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### Email Phishing

Phishing scams are typically fraudulent email messages appearing to come from legitimate businesses your bank, email, cell phone or credit card provider. These emails usually direct you to a phony website or ask you to "click here" to verify private information (e.g., password, credit card number, or other sensitive account information). Never open or click any accompanying attachments or links. Immediately delete the message from your account.

### IRS Tax Scam

Do not ever respond to callers claiming to be from the IRS, U.S. Treasury Department, or other government agency or business claiming that you owe money and that you must pay immediately or face arrest. Neither the IRS, or any government agency will ever call you to collect money, with instructions to pay cash, or deposit money into another account.

### iTunes Gift Card Scam

Another common method for fraudsters to get your hard-earned cash is through iTunes Gift Cards. The victim receives a call instilling panic and urgency to make a payment by purchasing iTunes Gift Cards from the nearest retailer (convenience store, electronics retailer, etc.). After the cards have been purchased, the victim is asked to pay by sharing the 16-digit code on the back of the card with the caller over the phone. Con artists will use a variety of fake stories to gain cooperation, including claiming to be a relative in jail in desperate need of money, your computer company attempting to help repair your PC, or a representative from a government agency. If anyone you don't know contacts you to purchase an iTunes, or any other gift card and provide them with the card number in exchange for a service or repair – it is a scam!

### Grandparent Scam

In a typical Grandparent Scam, a con artist calls or emails the victim posing as a relative in distress or someone claiming to represent the relative (such as a lawyer or law enforcement agent). The "relative" of the grandparent explains she is in trouble and needs their grandparent to wire them funds that will be used for bail money, lawyer's fees, hospital bills, or another fictitious expense.

Scammers are always creating unique and innovative ways to scam you out of your money, and these are just a few tricks they are currently employing. Be vigilant, and if you ever are in doubt do not hesitate to contact Assemblyman Perry at 718-385-3336 and he will assist you in determining if you are a potential victim. Also, never hesitate to personally call your bank or financial institution and verify any request for access to your accounts with them.

You can report telephone scams to the Federal Trade Commission, either online [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or by phone at 1-877-382-4357.

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## Working For You!

### WHAT'S YOUR OPINION? Assemblyman Perry wants to know

*Please return completed survey to Assemblyman Perry at 903 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203*

**Speed Cameras:** Do you support a proposed bill to bring the number of speed cameras in school zones up to 750 in New York City? There are currently 140 authorized under law. — Do you support the installation of speed cameras near schools to increase safety? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Voting:** To increase voter participation, 37 states allow qualified voters to cast their ballot in person during a designated period prior to an election. Should we allow for early voting in NYS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Millionaire's Tax:** Would you support increasing taxes on millionaires to pay for local infrastructure repairs, public education, and health care costs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Marijuana Decriminalization:** Do you support the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana for recreational use? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_





*Assemblyman Perry shows off his skills on the steel pan at the Annual Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration in our State Capital.*



*Assemblyman Perry pictured with two of the hard-working staff members at the Abe Stark Senior Center in Canarsie. Assemblyman Perry visited the senior center recently to discuss how his efforts in Albany benefit the senior population.*




*Assemblyman Perry was a guest speaker at the graduation ceremony of PS 268, and is seen here with teacher, Sharon Haynes, PTA President Bernadette McNally and a couple of proud members of the Class of 2017. Assemblyman Perry presented PTA President McNally with a New York State Citation honoring her for her work at the school.*



*Assemblyman Perry leads the PS 135 Multicultural Day Parade with Principal Trevlyn McRae and two young constituents from the school.*

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