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Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2015 Annual Report of the Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments.

Throughout the year, the Committee addressed many significant issues, including extending additional benefits to volunteer emergency workers, providing mandate relief and other flexibility in municipal finances, requiring more accountability for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities, and reporting legislation specific to the needs of municipalities across the State. In this report you will find descriptions of legislation and important issues considered by the Committee. Additionally, this report highlights goals of the Committee, which emphasize the ongoing need to support the municipalities of this State.

I share with you an appreciation for the important role local governments play in providing essential services to their residents and commend you for the support and leadership you have provided the Local Governments Committee in its pursuit to address issues facing New York's municipalities. With your assistance, the Committee will continue to focus on the needs of local governments.

Sincerely,

William B. Magnarelli, Chairman  
Assembly Standing Committee on  
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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments considers the legislative needs of New York State's local governments, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, and various other special districts and local agencies. The Committee monitors the needs of local governments and strives to develop legislative remedies to meet those needs. The Committee also explores new proposals and ideas that will enable local governments to better serve the citizens of New York State. The Committee endeavors to see the enactment of laws that will further improve local governments' abilities to address their unique problems. The Committee is also interested in assisting local governments by considering legislation that will provide flexibility in municipal finances and consider other legislative solutions to help local governments remain financially solvent.

The Committee considers legislation that proposes to amend the General Municipal, Municipal Home Rule, Local Finance, County, Town, Village, Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit, and Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Laws. Since the structure, powers and scope of local governments is broad, the Committee's concerns cover a wide range of issues. Home Rule legislation is also addressed. These bills deal with issues specific to a certain local government's jurisdiction and are intended to remedy a specific local concern. Through the use of home rule legislation to solve individual local needs, the Committee has helped resolve many unique situations and has enabled local governments all over the State to serve their citizens better.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Local Governments and Cities Budget Implementation Hearing**

On October 22, 2015, the Committee, along with the Committee on Cities, held its annual budget implementation hearing. The purpose of this hearing was to examine the implementation of Chapter 67 of the Laws of 2013, which created the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments. The State Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 included an allocation of \$40 million for such Board to use for awards to local governments who apply and agree to follow the Board's recommendations. The committees examined how the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments has affected municipalities that have received assistance, as well as why some municipalities have not submitted requests, or have withdrawn such requests.

### **Ride- and Car- Ridesharing Roundtables**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> in New York City and on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Albany, the Committee, along with the Committees on Insurance, Transportation and Cities, held two roundtables to discuss important issues related to ride- and car- ridesharing services. Ride- and car-sharing services, which provide access to transportation via smart-phone applications, are emerging industries in New York State. However, these services have been unevenly regulated unlike other existing transportation services that are operating under government regulations. Questions have been raised concerning these new business models regarding liability issues and consumer protections as well as the extent to which such services should be regulated at the state and local level. The participants discussed important issues related to local regulation of these industries, insurance coverage for drivers and passengers, and, access to these services for people with disabilities.

### **III. MAJOR ISSUES AND LEGISLATION OF 2015**

#### **A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID – ENACTED BUDGET**

The State Budget for the State Fiscal year 2015-2016 continues funding for local governments in the form of unrestricted aid and grants to help local governments achieve efficiencies and share services.

##### **Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM)**

Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding is direct general purpose aid provided to towns, villages and cities. AIM funding for State Fiscal Year 2015-2016 includes a total of approximately \$714.7 million. Eligible towns and villages received approximately \$67.6 million and cities approximately \$647 million.

##### **Local Government Grant Programs**

The 2015-2016 Budget contained funding to continue grant programs administered by the Department of State to provide assistance and incentives for local governments to consolidate, dissolve, share services, and find other efficiencies. These programs include: Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits, Citizens Re-organization Empowerment Grants, Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program, and Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

## **B. MANDATE RELIEF**

### **Local Government Borrowing Practices**

**(A.6258 Magnarelli; Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law extends certain provisions of the Local Finance Law relating to local government borrowing practices. The provisions provide local governments with alternative options for borrowing funds for projects and serves to relieve municipalities of certain financial mandates.

## **C. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

### **Biennial Police Officer CPR Training**

**(A.4364 Ortiz; Passed Assembly)**

This legislation would require county, city, town, village and state police officers be retrained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and demonstrate satisfactory completion of such training every two years.

### **Yonkers Detention Officer Medical Expenses**

**(A.2801 Pretlow; Chapter 522 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would provide for the payment of salary, wages, medical and hospital expenses of any City of Yonkers detention officer injured in the line of duty.

### **Residency Requirement Exemptions**

It can be difficult for municipalities to find people interested in holding public offices that are also residents of the municipality, as is required by law. The Committee considers bills that would provide flexibility in filling these offices through an exemption to the residency requirement. The following is the public officer residency exemption granted in 2015:

#### **Town of Lewis Justice**

**(A.7273-A Blankenbush; Chapter 312 of the Laws of 2015)**

## **D. MUNICIPAL FINANCES**

### **Aid and Incentives for Municipalities for Certain Villages**

**(A.2321-A Skoufis; Veto 202 of 2015)**

This legislation would add the villages of Mastic Beach, Woodbury, South Blooming Grove, and Sagaponack to the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program. These villages were created after the AIM

program was frozen and are excluded from receiving financial assistance from the program.

**Erie County Private Bond Sales**

**(A.6245-A Schimminger; Chapter 43 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law extends, until June 30, 2016, the authority for the underwriting or sale of Erie County bonds or notes at private sale. This legislation provides Erie County with additional fiscal flexibility by permitting the county to determine the timing and nature of bond sales.

**Period of Probable Usefulness in Municipal Bonding**

**(A.4586 McDonald; Chapter 377 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would establish a period of probable usefulness (ppu) of 15 years for the purpose of bonding for the installation or reconstruction of a heating system when not in connection with the original construction for all classes of local government buildings.

**Westchester County Bond Referendums**

**(A.6191 Abinanti; Chapter 528 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would remove the requirement for a referendum for all sewer or water projects over \$10 million in the County of Westchester. This legislation would instead require a public hearing prior to the issuance of bonds.

**E. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

**Land Banks**

**(A.7911 Magnarelli; Chapter 407 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would exempt land banks and any land bank officer acting in their official capacity from having to pay filing, recording, and indexing fees to municipal clerks. This bill would also exempt land banks from the requirements of the Public Authorities Law which deals with the disposition of property by a public corporation in favor of the requirements of the Not for Profit Corporation Law which deals specifically with disposition of property by land banks.

**Industrial Development Agencies**

**(A.7915 Magnarelli; Chapter 563 of the Laws of 2015)**

The purpose of this bill is to increase the accountability and efficiency of Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities (IDAs) by establishing

standardized applications and approval procedures for projects receiving financial assistance from the IDA.

**Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises**  
**(A.8044-A Bichotte; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would expand the power of the City of New York with regard to the promotion of minority and women owned business enterprises.

**Urban Development Action Areas**  
**(A.8238 Joyner; Chapter 36 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law extends, until June 30, 2018, expedited land use review for Urban Development Action Area Projects for low income residential rental developments for seniors and people with disabilities that are funded by the federal government.

**Municipal Corporation Audits**  
**(A.7056 Magnarelli; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would expand the Office of the State Comptroller's authority to audit local government entities to include certain organizations directly or indirectly controlled by those local governments thereby increasing the transparency and accountability of such entities.

**Regulation of Limousines and Livery Vehicles**  
**(A.1205 Magnarelli; Passed Assembly)**

This legislation would clarify that cities, towns and villages have clear authority to regulate livery vehicles in similar ways as they currently regulate taxis.

**(A.7426 Thiele; Chapter 498 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would clarify that the County of Suffolk can adopt local laws rather than ordinances to regulate taxicabs and limousines.

**(A.2370-A Barrett; Passed Assembly)**

This legislation would amend the General Municipal Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Dutchess to regulate the registration and licensing of taxicabs, limousines, and livery vehicles.

**(A.7480 Skartados; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would amend the General Municipal Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Ulster to regulate the registration and licensing of taxicabs, limousines, and livery vehicles.

**Towns of Marbletown and Rosendale Consolidation of Services**  
**(A.2297 Cahill; Chapter 392 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the town board of Marbletown to adopt a resolution to establish a town hall in the Town of Rosendale and would authorize the town boards of Marbletown and Rosendale to adopt resolutions to allow any justice of the Town of Marbletown to hold court proceedings in the Town of Rosendale.

**Municipal Housing Authorities Purchasing**  
**(A.7779-A Russell; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would authorize municipal housing authorities to engage in shared purchasing contracts with the state, political subdivisions and other municipal housing authorities. This bill would not apply to any municipal housing authority that is located in a city with a population of one million or more people.

**F. EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Disability Benefits for Volunteer Emergency Workers**  
**(A.1627 Magnarelli; Passed Assembly)**

This legislation would increase the benefits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers on temporary total disability or permanent total disability to \$650 per week. The increase in this benefit would only apply to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who were injured in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2015.

**(A.6242 Russell; Chapter 25 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law extends for five years, until June 30, 2020, the presumption that certain lung disabilities may be contracted by volunteer firefighters in the course of their duties and arranges for the coverage of any illness, disability or death.

**(A.6950 Buchwald; Chapter 26 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law extends for five years, until June 30, 2020, coverage for disabilities and deaths caused by certain heart and arterial diseases contracted by volunteer firefighters during the course of their duties.

**Length of Service Award Program**

**(A.7573 Magnarelli; Chapter 534 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would repeal a section of the General Municipal Law relating to the length of service award programs (LOSAP) for volunteer firefighters to remove the prohibition on awarding service credit to a municipal employee for services performed in their capacity as a volunteer firefighter during their normal working hours.

**Amsterdam Firefighters' Benevolent Association**

**(A.5517 Santabarbara; Chapter 433 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill incorporates the Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Amsterdam, a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of providing relief, aid and assistance to the volunteer members of such corporation, who are disabled or injured in the performance of their duties, and their families, and to promote and safeguard the welfare of the volunteer members of the corporation.

**Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Manhasset-Lakeville**

**(A.6134 Schimel; Chapter 546 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would change the limitations on uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes by the Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Manhasset-Lakeville.

**Fire District Elections**

**(A.5366-B Lalor; Chapter 481 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would authorize the volunteer fire department in the Village of Fishkill to hold its annual meeting and election of officers on the third Tuesday of December every year.

**(A.1321 Paulin; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would clarify certain portions of Chapter 345 of the Laws of 2013 relating to the election of officers in the Eastchester Fire District.

**Police Work Dogs**

**(A.7668-A Magee; Chapter 549 of the Laws of 2015)**

This bill would authorize emergency medical service paramedics to transport injured police work dogs to appropriate facilities in ambulances, provided that there is no human need for the same vehicle at the same time.

**Coroners and Medical Examiners**

**(A.1629-A; Magnarelli; Chapter 475 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would authorize two or more counties to enter into a mutual aid agreement to share the services provided by a county coroner or medical examiner's office. Each county entering into this type of mutual aid agreement will be deemed liable for actions taken by their employees both in their county and all counties involved in the shared service.

**(A.1643 Pretlow; Passed Assembly)**

This bill would provide that if a death appears to have resulted from a criminal act, the medical examiner or coroner of the county having jurisdiction to prosecute that crime shall have equal authority to investigate the death even if the crime victim died in another county.

## **IV. PARKLAND ALIENATION LEGISLATION**

The issue of parkland alienation, or the conversion of parkland for other purposes, has been a great concern to the Committee. As a matter of public trust, it is a requirement that any use of public parkland for non-parkland purposes must be authorized by the New York State Legislature.

As part of the Committee's ongoing effort to protect the public trust as it relates to parkland and in keeping with the Assembly's policy of preserving open space, the Committee strives to ensure that each proposed alienation of parkland complies with alienation guidelines prior to it being reported out of Committee.

Committee guidelines for authorizing parkland alienation include specifying the number of acres proposed for alienation and requiring that the fair market value of such lands be dedicated for the purchase of replacement parkland of equal or greater fair market value or for capital improvement of existing parkland. The legislation must also include a legal description of the parkland proposed to be alienated, as well as language detailing any land proposed to be dedicated (if replacement land is proposed for parkland). Finally, a home rule message from the municipality requesting alienation is required prior to the Committee acting on any parkland legislation.

### **The Town of Fallsburg (A.5912-A Gunther; Chapter 486 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would authorize the Town of Fallsburg, Sullivan County, to discontinue the use of certain parkland and to convey those lands to the SYDA Foundation. It would require the Town of Fallsburg to dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the property being alienated towards the acquisition of additional parkland and/or capital improvements to existing parkland.

### **The Village of Clayton (A.7909-B Russell; Chapter 349 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Village of Clayton, Jefferson County, to discontinue the use of certain parklands and to convey those lands to Dean Hyde in exchange for acquisition of a certain parcel of land from Dean Hyde to be dedicated for the village's "Riverwalk Project". It also requires the village, in the event that the parcel of additional parkland acquired is not equal to or greater than the fair market value of the discontinued parkland, to dedicate the difference in value to make capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or for the acquisition of additional parkland.

**The Town of Hamburg**  
**(A.5394-A Ryan; Chapter 292 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Town of Hamburg, Erie County, to discontinue the use of parklands owned by the town no longer needed for park purposes and convey the lands to James Cleary. The town is required to dedicate the fair market value of the parkland to be alienated pursuant to this act for the acquisition of additional parkland and/or for capital improvements to existing park facilities in the Town of Hamburg.

**The Town of Amherst**  
**(A.7210-A Walter; Chapter 311 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Town of Amherst, Erie County, to discontinue the use of certain parkland and to use such lands for other municipal purposes. It requires the Town of Amherst to dedicate as parkland a certain parcel of land and requires that in the event that the newly dedicated parcel of land is not equal to or greater than the fair market value of the alienated parcel of parkland, the difference in value be dedicated to make capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

**The Town of Kinderhook**  
**(A.7301-B McLaughlin; Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would authorize the Town of Kinderhook, Columbia County, to discontinue the use of certain parkland and convey those lands at fair market value. It would require the Town of Kinderhook to dedicate the fair market value of the alienated parcel of land for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

**The Town of Waterloo**  
**(A.7693 Kolb; Chapter 344 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Town of Waterloo, Seneca County, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parkland and convey those lands at fair market value. It requires the Town of Waterloo to dedicate the fair market value of the alienated parcel of land for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

**The Town of Naples**

**(A.7694-A Kolb; Chapter 343 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Town of Naples, Ontario County, to discontinue and alienate certain parklands owned by the town and to convey those lands at fair market value. It requires the Town of Naples to dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the property being alienated towards the acquisition of additional parkland and/or capital improvements to existing parkland. The law also requires the Town of Naples to dedicate a portion of the Naples Community Park to “James P. Long.”

**Mattituck Park District**

**(A.7946-B Palumbo; Chapter 351 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Mattituck Park District, Town of Southold, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain land and convey those lands at fair market value. It requires the Mattituck Park District to dedicate the fair market value of the alienated parcel of land for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

**(A.7947-B Palumbo; Chapter 350 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law authorizes the Mattituck Park District, Town of Southold, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain land and convey those lands at fair market value. It requires the Mattituck Park District to dedicate the fair market value of the alienated parcel of land for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

**The Town of Vestal**

**(A.8126 Lupardo; Chapter 409 of the Laws of 2015)**

This legislation would authorize the Town of Vestal, Broome County, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parkland and convey those lands to the Vestal Veterinary Hospital. It would require the Town of Vestal to dedicate the fair market value of the alienated parcel of land for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities and/or the acquisition of additional parkland.

## **V. OTHER ENACTED LEGISLATION**

### **Cornell Cooperative Extensions**

**(A.6425-A Magee; Chapter 298 of the Laws of 2015)**

This law adds community and economic vitality, environment and energy, nutrition and healthy families, and youth development to the interests that can be promoted by programs associated with Cornell Cooperative Extensions. It requires additional state allocations of funds to be distributed to the county associations by a percentage proportionate to their most recent county appropriation. It also authorizes annual county appropriations to include in-kind contributions, service agreements, and contracts with cooperative extension associations subject to review by Cornell University.

## **VI. OUTLOOK FOR 2016**

The Committee recognizes the difficult economic outlook that the municipalities and citizens of New York have faced and will continue to face in the year to come. The Committee will build on the successes of the 2015 legislative session and continue to find ways to achieve savings for local governments, as well as explore other ways to reduce the cost of government in New York State.

In addition, the Committee will take an active role in examining the immediate need for meaningful relief for our struggling municipalities, including participating in and monitoring the work of the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments. The rising costs of public pensions, Medicaid, education, Early Intervention, correctional services, public safety, highway and transportation services, and social services (to name a few) must be addressed. The Committee will try to help lessen the burden placed on local governments.

The Committee will also continue to advocate for the fair and equitable distribution of local government aid. Local governments rely on a stable and predictable revenue stream from the State, which is also a critical aspect to forming balanced local budgets.

The Committee also plans to continue to examine the role that industrial development agencies and other local economic development agencies play in New York State's economic development. The Committee is interested in ensuring that these local agencies are transparent and accountable, with records that are easy to obtain and to understand, that they are creating good jobs, and that they are providing a decent return on the taxpayer funded investments being made. The Committee will continue to examine legislative options to address these concerns.

The Committee will also continue to address the needs of municipalities by examining home rule legislation in 2016 in order to ensure the enactment of home rule bills that provide communities with a remedy to their locally specific situations.

The Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments looks forward to continuing to work with the Governor, the Senate, the State Comptroller, the Attorney General, and all local governments to improve the outlook for municipalities going forward.

## APPENDIX A

### 2015 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

<u>Final Disposition</u>	<u>Assembly Bills</u>	<u>Senate Bills</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bills Reported	69	0	69
To Floor	2	0	2
To Ways and Means	53	0	53
To Codes	7	0	7
To Rules	7	0	7
To Judiciary	0	0	0
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	5	0	5
Bills Having Committee Reference Changed	1	0	1
Senate Bills Substituted Or Recalled		15	15
Bills Held In Committee	15	0	15
Bills Never Reported	175	24	199
Total in Committee	265	39	304
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD	7		7

## APPENDIX B

### Chapter Laws of 2015

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
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A.2801	Pretlow	Provides for the payment of the salary, wages, medical and hospital expenses of any city of Yonkers detention officer injured in the line of duty	522
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A.3654-A	DiPietro	Relates to the town of Eagle, county of Wyoming wind project	393
A.4138-A	Schimel	Relates to the Port Washington police district	415
A.4260	Thiele	Relates to providing annual payments to the East Quogue union free school district	396
A.4586	McDonald	Provides that the period of probable usefulness of the installation or reconstruction of a heating system is 15 years for purposes of local financing	377
A.5366-B	Lalor	Allows the municipal volunteer fire department of the village of Fishkill to hold its annual meeting and election of company and chief officers in December of each year	481

A.5394-A	Ryan	Authorizes the town of Hamburg, county of Erie to discontinue the use of certain town lands as parkland and to sell and convey such lands to James Cleary	292
A.5403	Lopez	Relates to the Middletown-Hardenburgh fire district and making technical changes	140
A.5517	Santabarbara	Creates the Amsterdam Firefighters' Benevolent Association	433
A.5813	Kaminsky	Extends from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2020, the expiration of provisions relating to payments in lieu of taxes for property acquired for park or recreational purposes by the town of Hempstead	38
A.5822	Kaminsky	Relates to extending chapter 846 of the laws of 1970 in relation to payment in lieu of taxes for property acquired for park or recreational purposes	41
A.5912-A	Gunther	Authorizes the town of Fallsburg to alienate certain parkland	486
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A.6191	Abinanti	Authorizes the county of Westchester to issue certain bonds without the need for a referendum but subject to a public hearing	528
A.6242	Russell	Relates to creating a presumption relating to certain lung disabilities incurred by volunteer firefighters	25
A.6245-A	Schimminger	Relates to the sale of municipal obligations by the county of Erie	43
A.6258	Magnarelli	Relates to local government borrowing practices and mandate relief	77
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A.7215	Magee	Relates to legalizing, validating, ratifying and confirming certain actions of the Oneonta fire district	412
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A.7293-B	Woerner	Authorizes the county of Saratoga and the Saratoga County Water Authority to transfer certain lands	345
A.7301-B	McLaughlin	Authorizes and validates the alienation of certain parkland in the town of Kinderhook in the county of Columbia	491
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A.7376-A	Galef	Authorizes local governments to deliver proposed local laws to members of their legislative bodies by means of e-mail	397
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A.7433-A	Gunther	Authorizes the town of Thompson, Sullivan county, to establish a road improvement district	502
A.7471	Thiele	Relates to the Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund	551
A.7551-A	Palmesano	Authorizes the village of Penn Yan to convey certain real property to Keuka Outlet Development, LLC	335
A.7553-A	Schimminger	Relates to funeral benefits for members of such association	493
A.7559-D	Katz	Authorizes the town of Southeast, in the county of Putnam to issue \$380,000 in serial bonds for extraordinary expenses incurred when a water district source of water was declared unsafe	504

A.7573	Magnarelli	Repeals provisions of law relating to service award programs	534
A.7668-A	Magee	Authorizes paramedics to transport injured police work dogs to appropriate facilities in certain cases	549
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A.7694-A	Kolb	Relating to alienation and substitution of certain parklands in the town of Naples in the county of Ontario	343
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