



Assemblymember

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Reports to the People

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Dear Neighbors:

The damage in New York State from weather-related emergencies over the past two years has been devastating. Hurricane Irene, Superstorms Sandy and Lee, and consecutive early-fall snow storms are evidence that extreme weather is becoming more frequent and dangerous. It is increasingly important for our families to know what to do when faced with an emergency.

Whether it's a natural disaster like high winds, flooding, or lightning, or a man-made threat, the amount of personal devastation in these situations can be limited by taking proper preventive measures. Every family should have an emergency plan and be able to live without electricity, water, heat, air conditioning or telephone service for days at a time. If you need help getting organized, the New York State Assembly provides a free brochure on emergency preparedness. You can request a copy by contacting my district office at (718) 322-3975.

I also recommend that every resident sign up for the NY-Alert program. This free service provides warnings and emergency information during disaster situations, including road closures, inclement weather events, and protective actions recommended by state and local governments, schools and the private sector, where appropriate.

After you sign up at www.nyalert.gov or by calling 888-697-6972, emergency information will be sent to your cell phone, your home phone, email, or other technologies. You will be able to select the geographic areas or regions you would like to receive information about, such as your town or village, county, or the entire state.

I want to thank our local, state and federal emergency-response personnel for helping New Yorkers get back on their feet after Superstorm Sandy. Many first responders put their lives on the line to help those in need and I commend their efforts. By taking some simple preventative measures, we can all help ease the burden on emergency personnel when the next emergency arises.

In closing, I would like you to take this opportunity to read this Winter News Report that highlights significant legislation signed into 2012 New York State Law. These important new laws are designed to better protect residents by improving and implementing programs and services that will help to ensure the health and safety of all New Yorkers. As always, if you would like more information on this, or any other important community issue, please contact my district office at 718-322-3975 or email cookv@assembly.state.ny.us.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Vivian E. Cook



Assemblymember Cook joins colleagues in welcoming women veterans on Women Veterans' Recognition Day.



Assemblymember Cook joins Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Rabbi Shmuel Butman, and colleagues at a luncheon commemorating the 110th anniversary celebration of the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAWS OF 2012

AGING

Assisting Transition from DRIE to SCRIE creates a system to ensure that DRIE participants are seamlessly transitioned to the SCRIE program once they are eligible for both programs. (Chapter 286)

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural District Renewal streamlines the process for renewing agricultural assessments to ensure land used for farming is assessed based on agricultural value and not its development value. The law allows farmers to file a simpler agriculture assessment application form following the approval of the first year's application, providing there are no changes in the use of the land. (Chapter 160)

Animal Fighting Gear Banned prohibits the ownership, sale, transfer and manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia. (Chapter 144)

Pet Dealer Animal Care establishes higher standards for the care of animals by pet dealers. The law requires dealers to make isolation areas available for sick animals, designate an attending veterinarian to establish a veterinary care program for their animals and implement an exercise plan for dogs at these facilities. (Chapter 110)

Animal Cage Box Dryers prohibits the use of cage box dryers while heating elements are turned on in animal grooming facilities in order to prevent injury or death to animals. Under the law, violators would face fines of not less than \$250 and up to \$500 for each violation. (Chapter 119)

BANKS

Number of Mortgage Loans limits the number of personal mortgage loans that can be issued without acquiring a mortgage banking license. The law allows an individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity to make no more than three loans in a calendar year and a maximum of five loans in a two-year period. (Chapter 47)

Electronic Fund Transfer Protection prohibits the transfer of funds as a penalty for providing final payment after a bank account holder has given oral or written communication to stop preauthorized electronic fund transfers. (Chapter 403)

CITIES

Water Services for Non-Profit Organizations Continued extends for two additional years an exemption on certain water charges to religious institutions, hospitals, schools, homes for the elderly, daycare centers and other organizations. Under the law, there is no charge for water services up to \$32,295, and these organizations only pay half the charges on water usage valued at less than \$64,577. (Chapter 153)

NYC Taxi Licenses authorizes New York City to sell 2,000 accessible taxi licenses and 18,000 HAIL licenses. Under the law, the HAIL licenses would allow livery cars to pick up street hails in northern Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. (Chapter 9)

CODES

False Financial Claims requires a court, upon conviction of an individual for filing a false financial statement, to issue and file with the Secretary of State a certificate of the conviction. The law would ensure that victims have proof of the fraudulent financial statements that are being used against them and help repair the damage caused to their credit history. (Chapter 113)

Possession and Sale of Embalming Fluid prohibits the sale of embalming fluid by a funeral director, undertaker, embalmer, or registered resident to anyone other than a licensed funeral director, undertaker, embalmer, registered resident or other entity authorized to perform embalming activities. (Chapter 29)

Social Services Employees Assault enhances the criminal penalties for assaulting certain employees of a local social services district while they are performing their duties from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony. (Chapter 434)

Voluntary Surveillance Access Database establishes a voluntary surveillance access database. Under the law, homeowners and business owners could participate in a program that permits private security cameras or other electronic video surveillance systems to be made available to law enforcement agencies to help solve crimes and apprehend criminals. (Chapter 287)

DNA Testing expands the collection of DNA samples from defendants convicted of crimes in New York State to include all felonies and all penal law misdemeanors. The law also enhances the protections afforded to defendants to demonstrate their innocence by providing access in certain circumstances to DNA testing in post-plea contexts. In addition, the law provides for the ability of the court to order discovery for convicted defendants who file a post-conviction motion seeking to demonstrate actual innocence. (Chapter 19)

Powers of District Attorney codifies the authority of district attorneys to employ or contract with social workers, and provides retroactively that time worked for a district attorney's office would count toward experience requirements for persons seeking licensure in that field. (Chapter 358)

Interim Probation Supervision provides a court with the ability to transfer the supervision of a defendant on interim probation to the county where the defendant has moved to and resides. (Chapter 347)

Charitable Bail Organizations permits charitable bail organizations

to post bail for certain individuals charged with crimes and provides for a certification process through the Department of Financial Services for such charitable bail organizations. (Chapter 181)

Determination of Incapacitation requires the Commission of the Office of Mental Health (OMH), when a criminal court discharges a defendant who has been found incompetent to stand trial and is in the custody of the Office of Mental Health (OMH), to certify to the court their compliance with the notification requirements. Under the law, the definition of a crime victim who must be notified by the commissioner is expanded to include victims of domestic violence offenses. (Chapter 476)

Prohibits Sexual Performance by a Child expands the definition of the crime of possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child, which is punishable as a Class E felony and ban the viewing of child pornography in digital form. The measure also provides that an attorney will not be guilty of possession of child pornography if he or she possesses the image as a part of the attorney's representation of a defendant charged with such crime. (Chapter 456)

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Social Security Number Protection prohibits any person from knowingly using the labor or time of prison inmates to collect, access, or process the Social Security numbers of New York State consumers. (Chapter 371)

Pre-Need Funeral Contracts extends provisions prohibiting commissions to funeral directors for the sale of pre-need funeral insurance and requires the Department of Financial Services to conduct a study of pre-need funeral funding options. (Chapter 88)

Telemarketing Restricting requires out-of-state telemarketers to register with the Department of State and telemarketers to obtain authorization from the consumer prior to transmitting prerecorded messages, commonly known as robocalls. (Chapter 369)

CORPORATIONS & CORRECTIONS

Telecommunications Relay Service Center extends, until June 1, 2018, the location of the New York Telecommunications Relay Service Center in Syracuse. (Chapter 149)

Medical Records Access permits the Commission of Correction to subpoena medical records of both living and deceased inmates from hospitals and other outside medical providers in order to carry out its function of investigating and reporting on the delivery of medical care to inmates. (Chapter 232)

Sex Offender Photographs clarifies the discretion of local law enforcement agencies to take a new photograph of a level 3 sex offender if, at the time he or she appears for a quarterly address verification, his or her appearance has changed. (Chapter 364)

Transcripts of Parole Board Hearings instructs the Board of Parole to make a verbatim transcript of each parole board interview of a sex offender and provide the transcript to the Office of Mental Health for use in conducting reviews of offenders for possible civil commitment upon release from incarceration. (Chapter 363)

Payment of Parole Fees terminates the current practice of requiring parole officers to collect supervision fees from parolees and instead requires the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to provide alternative means of collection. (Chapter 201)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Help for Small Beer Brewers allows brewers with three percent or less of a wholesaler's annual business to terminate a sale agreement and upon termination pay the fair market value of the distribution rights which will be lost due to the termination. (Chapter 367)

NY Brewed Beer Tax Credit provides a tax credit or refund of 14 cents per gallon for New York brewers on the first 500,000 gallons produced within the state, and another 4.5 cents-per-gallon credit for the next 15.5 million gallons. The law exempts brewers that produce in excess of 60 million gallons annually from this credit. The law also provides an exemption from the labeling fees imposed on batches of less than 1,500 barrels. (Chapter 109)

Creating Farm Breweries permits farms to sell their beer and/or cider to any New York State-licensed wholesaler or retailer, as well as permit the sale of New York State-labeled beer and cider for consumption on and off the premises. The law also allows farm breweries to sell their product, for consumption off the premises, at state fairs, county fairs and farmers' markets. (Chapter 108)

EDUCATION

Maintain School Aid for Flood-Ravaged Districts permits distribution of full state aid to a community stricken by a catastrophic event. The law holds school districts financially harmless if a school has lost up to 10 days during the 2011-12 school year, and is unable to be in session for the state mandated 180 days due to a federal declaration of a natural disaster, state disaster emergency, or certain other exceptional events. (Chapter 139)

New York City School District Mandatory Kindergarten authorizes the New York City Board of Education to require minors who are five years old by December 1, to attend kindergarten instruction except for those students who are enrolled in non-public schools or who are home-schooled. (Chapter 157)

New York City School Busing Exemption exempts the New York City school district from the "like circumstances" provision in the Education Law when the city school district provides existing contract bus service for children in the elementary grades to students in grades seven and eight. The law would allow the New York City school district to restore bus services that were provided during the 2009-10 school year. (Chapter 42)

Pre-K Students Transportation permits school districts to provide busing for pre-kindergarten students so long as it is provided equally to all children in similar circumstances and the voters of the district approve a proposition to provide transportation to these students. (Chapter 244)

State Seal of Biliteracy establishes the State Seal of Biliteracy, which would certify attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduating high school student in one or more languages in addition to English. The academic criteria necessary to earn the State Seal of Biliteracy will be established through regulations set by the commissioner of SED. Under the law, school district participation in the program is voluntary and fees could not be charged to students for participation in the program. (Chapter 271)

Out-of-State Contracting by Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) authorizes BOCES to contract with out-of-state school districts for special education and career and technical education services and certain other services as long as the services are available to all eligible students attending New York State schools in the component districts. (Chapter 396)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act Requires discharges involving the release of untreated or partially treated sewage or sewer overflows to be disclosed within two hours of discovery to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the local health department. The law also requires that neighboring communities be notified and that information about the discharge be posted on the DEC web site. (Chapter 368)

Strengthens State Control of Invasive Species requires DEC and the Department of Agriculture and Markets, in consultation with Invasive Species Council, to develop a program that addresses the disposal and control of prohibited invasive species. (Chapter 267)

GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES/OPERATIONS

Surviving Spouse Benefit extends a cost-of-living increase of approximately three percent for all line-of-duty widows or widowers of certain police and fire personnel for fiscal year 2012-13. (Chapter 285)

Clothing and Footwear Sales Tax Lifted restores the sales tax exemption on clothing and footwear on apparel items and shoes costing less than \$110 beginning April 2012. (Chapter 59)

Counseling Services for Families of Homicide Victims expands the eligibility for counseling services from the Office of Victim Services to more family members of homicide victims to include the guardians, siblings and step-siblings of victims. (Chapter 233)

Redistricting Reform Act of 2012 establishes an independent redistricting commission to reflect the diversity of the state and requires that new district lines be drawn to protect minority voting rights and affirmatively and transparently explain any deviations from the mathematically ideal population size of each district. The law also requires statewide public hearings, the commission's disclosure of all relevant data and publication of the proposed plans as well as drafting the proposed district lines in public. (Chapter 17)

Strengthens NY Support for Federal Shutdown of Iran's Nuclear Weapons Program prohibits entities that invest in the Iranian energy sector from receiving state contracts unless the entity has certified that it does not have, has ceased or is taking steps to cease such investments, or the state is unable to procure the needed services or commodities elsewhere. This law would enact the Iranian Divestment Act of 2012. (Chapter 1)

Expansion of the Iranian Divestment Act of 2012 adds SUNY, CUNY and public authorities to the state entities that are prohibited from investing in the Iranian energy sector. (Chapter 106)

Providing Career Opportunities to Former State Employees permits certain state officers, terminated between January 1, 2009, and April 1, 2014, because of a reduction in the state workforce, to appear before their former agency. The law waives the restriction from appearing or practicing before their former agency for a two year period following the end of their employment. (Chapter 485)

Honoring Our Fallen Firefighters permits all firefighters who died in the line of duty to be inscribed on the state's Fallen Firefighters Memorial located in Albany. (Chapter 104)

HEALTH

Medicaid Reform requires the state to implement a three-year, phased-in takeover of the growth in the local share of Medicaid expenditures beginning in SFY 2013-14, with the state assuming the administration of the Medicaid program from localities over a multi-year period, with full takeover to be completed by March 31, 2018. (Chapter 56)

Dense Breast Tissue Notification requires physicians to notify their patients when dense breast tissue is detected by a mammogram screening. The law would raise awareness among women with dense breast tissue and encourage them to consult with their doctor about the potential health risks they face. (Chapter 265)

Prohibition on Tanning by Minors prohibits owners, operators, or employees of a tanning facility from allowing persons 16 years of age and under to use tanning beds and requires 17 year olds to get written parental consent to use tanning beds. (Chapter 105)

Access to Post Exposure Prophylaxis Treatment enables survivors of sexual assault who have undergone a forensic rape exam to receive a seven day starter pack of HIV post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) treatment. (Chapter 39)

Access to the Adoption Registry allows persons born in another state, but adopted in New York State, and their birth parents and siblings, to be added to the adoption registry. (Chapter 480)

Accountable Care Organizations makes permanent the Medicare-only Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and removes the cap on the number of ACOs that may be certified. (Chapter 461)

Electronic Cigarettes adds electronic cigarettes to the provisions governing the sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes and shisha. (Chapter 448)

Access to Death Certificates adds siblings of deceased persons to the list of family members authorized to obtain a death certificate upon request. (Chapter 130)

Whooping Cough Vaccinations requires hospitals to offer whooping cough vaccination to parents or guardians of newborns being treated by the facility. (Chapter 215)

Telemedicine establishes procedures for credentialing and granting privileges to telemedicine providers in hospitals. (Chapter 390)

New York State Donate Life Registry allows electronic registration confirmation, amendment and revocation for the New York State Donate Life Registry for organ and tissue donation. (Chapter 158)

Prohibiting Body Piercing of Minors requires written parental consent for persons less than 18 years of age who want to receive a body piercing. (Chapter 270)

Prohibit Smoking Near Schools prohibits smoking within 100 feet of primary and secondary school entrances and exits or outdoor areas. (Chapter 449)

Treatment Option Information requires that patients diagnosed with a terminal illness or condition be given information regarding other appropriate treatment options should the patient wish to initiate or continue treatment. (Chapter 256)

Hospital Observation Units authorizes hospitals to implement an observation level of care for periods up to 48 hours, in a location or unit that is clinically appropriate. (Chapter 471)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Pharmacists Administering Shingles Vaccine allows licensed pharmacists to administer the shingles vaccination to individuals who provide a prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner. (Chapter 116)

Scope of Podiatric Practice expands the scope of podiatry as a licensed profession by permitting the treatment of wounds related to areas of the foot and also defines the credentials necessary for podiatrists to practice podiatric standard ankle surgery and podiatric advanced ankle surgery. In addition, the law stipulates guidelines for this credentialing to ensure qualified and certified podiatrists are competent to perform such surgeries. (Chapter 438)

Health Care Mandatory Reporting requires that when a complaint of sexual offense has been made against a licensed health care or mental health care provider during a treatment session, consultation, interview or examination, the investigating professional conduct officer or the Office of Professional Discipline must notify the appropriate law enforcement authority. (Chapter 365)

Private Proprietary School Licensure strengthens the supervision and regulation of non-degree granting proprietary schools by the Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision of the State Education Department. The law also provides the mechanisms and resources it needs to continue to protect students and taxpayers, as well as, preserve and strengthen this important educational and economic industry. (Chapter 381)

HOUSING

Tax Abatement Continuation Authorization provides communities with the ability to ensure the retention of federally subsidized affordable housing by authorizing municipalities to continue property tax abatements for up to 50 years. (Chapter 415)

HFA Bonding Authority Enhanced increases the bonding authority of the New York State Housing Finance Agency (HFA) by \$1 billion to help ensure the availability of affordable housing, bringing HFA's total bonding authority to \$17.28 billion. (Chapter 419)

Authorization for Neighborhood Housing Group Mergers permits existing Neighborhood Preservation Companies to merge resources and funding into one organization in order to better meet the housing needs of unserved and underserved areas of the state. (Chapter 295)

INSURANCE

Insurance Demonstration Program for Independent Workers extends, until 2014, the health insurance program for independent contractors and

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individuals, who are self-employed, work part-time or obtain temporary work. (Chapter 31)

Life Insurance Company Guaranty Corporation of New York increases the total assessment against all members of the Life Insurance Company Guaranty Corporation from \$500 million to \$558 million to ensure that consumers, who have policies with a certain domestic life insurance company that is subject to an order of rehabilitation, are made whole. (Chapter 217)

Health Insurance Pilot Program for Early Retirees establishes a pilot program to ensure employees who have retired from an established New York company can retain the same health insurance coverage they received through their former employer. (Chapter 362)

Health Insurance Reduction of Payments and Claims Denials prohibits a health insurer from denying payment to a hospital for medically necessary inpatient emergency services solely because the hospital did not notify the insurer of the services provided in a timely fashion. (Chapter 297)

Workers' Compensation Rate Service Organizations extends from June 2, 2013 to June 2, 2018 the requirement that a workers' compensation rate service organization must receive approval from the Department of Financial Services before it can use certain financial and statistical information to determine workers' compensation rates. (Chapter 237)

Self-Fund Student Health Insurance Plans permits the superintendent of Financial Services to authorize certain public and private universities to self-fund their student health insurance plans. The law requires any plan to be subject to the same consumer protections, benefits, rates, and premium requirements as a non-profit health insurer and to meet statutory minimum financial reserve requirements. (Chapter 246)

JUDICIARY

Update New York's Adoption Law synchronizes New York law with federal and international law with regard to foreign adoptions. (Chapter 395)

Transfer of Probation Supervision clarifies the process for the transfer of probation supervision when a probationer lives or moves to another jurisdiction in cases involving child support, delinquency, PINS, and family offense cases. (Chapter 470)

Electronic Filing and Litigating allows the chief administrator of the courts to expand the use of electronic filing in litigation, including in the criminal and family courts. (Chapter 184)

Child Support Enforcement expands the authority of Child Support Magistrates in Family Court to enforce child support collection laws. (Chapter 468)

Appointment of Guardians provides judges presiding in Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 proceedings greater information related to the criminal history records of potential guardians, which is consistent with information provided to judges in custody and visitation proceedings. (Chapter 475)

LABOR

Prevailing Wage for Public Works Projects by Third Parties makes permanent provisions of law which authorized the Department of Labor to enforce prevailing wage laws on public works projects entered into by a third party acting in place of, on behalf of and for the benefit of public entities. (Chapter 389)

Female Workforce Education requires the Department of Labor to implement a workforce guidance policy that would educate and inform both men and women about higher paying jobs and careers including jobs traditionally underrepresented by women. (Chapter 284)

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Mandate Relief, Piggybacking authorizes local governments and school districts to piggyback on contracts for goods and services from other public contracts anywhere in the country. This law will provide mandate relief and significant cost savings to local governments and school districts. (Chapter 308)

Mandate Relief, Local Government Borrowing Practices expands debt issuance options for localities by providing municipalities with greater flexibility to manage debt to meet the challenges and changing conditions of a community's financial needs. (Chapter 91)

RACING AND WAGERING

Consolidate State Gambling Operations establishes the New York State Gaming Association by merging the Division of Lottery and the Racing and Wagering Board. (Chapter 60)

Increased Nonprofits' Raffle Prizes increases the single prize amount for raffles to \$100,000 from \$50,000 and the aggregate prize amount for certain raffles to \$2 million from \$500,000 for any one license period. (Chapter 455)

New York State Racing Franchise Accountability and Transparency Act of 2012 modifies the make-up of board membership of the New York State Racing Association. (Chapter 457)

REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Property Appraisal Assistance for Villages requires the commissioner of the state's Taxation and Finance Department to respond to the written request of village assessing units that are conducting property revaluations and need assistance from the state in the preparation of advisory appraisals involving highly complex properties. (Chapter 62)

Green Construction / LEED Building Certification Tax Exemption authorizes municipalities to adopt a local law or resolution, after conducting a public hearing, to provide a real property tax exemption to the owners of properties that experience any increase in assessed value as a result of construction improvements that are Leading Energy and Environment Design (LEED) certified.

Under the law, the exemption period varies depending upon the level of LEED certification starting with a 100 percent exemption for several years for any increase in assessed value due to construction, which would be phased out over four years. (Chapter 188)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Domestic Violence Shelter Stay Extender permits a second 45 day extension, if needed, in a domestic violence shelter. (Chapter 459)

Food Stamp Name Change changes the name of the Food Stamp Program to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to reflect the federal change in 2008. (Chapter 41)

TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS, AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Ticket Sales for Entertainment Events extends the current regulations for the sale and resale of tickets to places of entertainment to 2013, continuing consumer protections for the free market sales of tickets and the prohibition against restricted paperless tickets. (Chapter 28)

TRANSPORTATION

Parking Access Aisles requires access aisles of parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities to be at least eight feet wide. (Chapter 274)

Intercity Bus Operations authorizes an intercity bus passenger service permit system in the City of New York, for the loading and unloading of passengers on the city's streets. (Chapter 410)

Disabled Parking authorizes optometrists to certify a patient's disability for the purpose of obtaining a license plate for disabled parking. (Chapter 277)

Muni-Meter Parking provides an affirmative defense to a parking ticket if a muni-meter receipt was purchased before, or up to five minutes after, a ticket was issued. (Chapter 486)

Veterans' Identification directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide distinguishing marks on drivers' licenses and non-driver ID cards to identify the holder as a U.S. veteran, which would be available upon request. (Chapter 487)

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veteran Employment Assistance requires the Division of Veterans' Affairs to maintain and annually update the veterans' employment portal that will feature virtual links to appropriate governmental employment assistance programs and requires the portal's information to be available online and in print. (Chapter 269)

Agent Orange Extender extends to June 15, 2014, the deadline for filing suits against the producers of Agent Orange. Under the law, those persons whose injury or death was caused from contact with or exposure to phenoxy herbicides and who served as members of the armed forces in Indo-China from December 22, 1961, through May 7, 1975, would be eligible to apply. (Chapter 69)

Veterans Mental Health Act directs the state Veterans' Affairs Commission to develop and update, in consultation with the Office of Mental Health and the Department of Labor, a state interagency plan to improve outreach, assessment, and care for veterans and their families for mental health and/or substance abuse problems. (Chapter 463)

Veteran Memorials Change in Status allows municipal corporations to adopt a local law, or in the case of a school district or board of cooperative educational services a resolution, to authorize a change in status of a military monument or military memorial under their jurisdiction. (Chapter 439)



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