



**“Public safety is a cornerstone of our community’s well-being, and**

**I am dedicated to ensuring a safe environment for all. I have championed legislation to protect retail workers and combat gun violence.**

**My commitment remains steadfast to continue advocating for policies that protect our residents and enhance our quality of life.”**

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# New York State Assembly Assistant Majority Leader Charles D. Fall is helping keep our families safe

## Cracking down on illegal cannabis\*

- ✓ Strengthened the authority of local law enforcement and the state Office of Cannabis Management to padlock and shut down illegal cannabis stores.

## Preventing retail theft and violence against workers\*

- ✓ Provided tax credits to small businesses to support anti-theft measures.
- ✓ Strengthened penalties for those who shoplift, assault retail workers or foster the sale of stolen goods.
- ✓ Created dedicated law enforcement teams to combat organized retail theft rings.

## Combating hate crimes\*

- ✓ Provided \$35 million statewide to organizations tackling hate crimes
- ✓ Expanded what offenses can be considered hate crimes

## Passing bills to tackle gun violence

- ✓ Initiates a state study on the viability of “smart guns,” handguns with identity verification technology that can only be fired by their owner (A.8333-A).
- ✓ Requires firearm manufacturers to ensure their products cannot be converted with rapid-fire modification devices (A.10053-A).

## Efforts to combat squatting

- ✓ Definition Changes: The term “tenant” no longer includes squatters, allowing law enforcement to act more decisively against illegal occupants.
- ✓ Legal Recourse: The updated laws enable district attorneys to charge squatters with burglary, providing homeowners with stronger legal tools to address squatting issues.
- ✓ New Legislation: New laws to clearly distinguish between squatters and tenants, making it easier for homeowners to reclaim their properties.

\*Included in the enacted 2024-25 state budget



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