

NEW LAWS TAKING EFFECT – FEBRUARY 2026

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
2/3/2026	Ch. 55 of 2025 Part H S3005C/A3005C	Expands protections and services to survivors of sexual assault for itemized charges related to exams.
2/3/2026	Ch. 55 of 2025 Part I S3005C/A3005C	Improves access to public assistance for survivors of gender-based violence.
2/3/2026	Ch. 595 of 2025 S1030/A3415	Requires public-facing websites operated by political committees to contain "paid for by" language and adds websites to the list of political communications that qualify as independent expenditures.
2/10/2026	Ch. 492 of 2025 S7423/A3922	Requires the commissioner of economic development, the commissioner of agriculture and markets and the State Liquor Authority to establish procedures for proposing to the governor nominations for annual awards for New York state liquor, beer, cider and mead retailers.
2/10/2026	Ch. 633 of 2025 S3393A/A2278A	Requires pharmacies that are closing to notify customers 30 days in advance and provide locations of other nearby pharmacies and instructions on how to transfer prescriptions.

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2/13/2026	Ch. 459 of 2025 S8388/A8419	Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and markets to investigate and inspect grocery stores or warehouses and gives them the power to grant, suspend or revoke licenses.
2/13/2026	Ch. 468 of 2025 S4906A/A6055A	Provides for certain victim statements to be taken at their workplace instead of the police department where such workplace was the scene of the crime and is a hospital, emergency medical facility, nursing home or residential health care facility.
2/17/2026	Ch. 673 of 2025 S1261A/A3392A	Allows for no fault separation where the relationship between the spouses has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months and requires that issues of support, custody and visitation have been resolved.
2/17/2026	Ch. 686 of 2025 S3967B/A1029B	Provides immunity from prosecution for certain individuals engaged in prostitution who are victims of or witnesses to a crime and report the crime or assist in the investigation or prosecution.
2/17/2026	Ch. 707 of 2025 Part F S8415/A8871	Provides that if the Office of the Attorney General has a conflict representing state employees in civil litigation, the attorney general may designate a deputy attorney general or assistant attorney general to act in their place.

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2/17/2026	Ch. 708 of 2025 S8416/A8427A	Enacts the Fostering Affordability and Integrity through Reasonable (FAIR) Business Practices Act, to protect New Yorkers from unfair, deceptive and abusive business practices by broadening the Attorney General's power to enforce consumer protection laws.
2/18/2026	Ch. 342 of 2025 S652A/A7040B	Authorizes private membership establishments to have licenses for sale of alcohol for consumption on premises.
2/19/2026	Ch. 544 of 2025 §§1-6, 8-9 S3294A/A4759A	Updates the law regarding the medical use of cannabis to allow a designated caregiver to be certified and given a QR code in place of a Registry Identification Card as a patient's certification for obtaining medical cannabis and extends the validity of certification to two years.
2/19/2026	Ch. 546 of 2025 S3416D/A5892B	Authorizes practitioners in hospitals to dispense controlled substances as emergency treatment for use off the premises for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment to an addict or habitual user.
2/19/2026	Ch. 572 of 2025 S8382/A8572	Allows the court to issue an order of protection against a person who is a member of a child's household.