

New Laws Taking Effect – March 2026

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
3/5/2026	Ch. 606 of 2025 A7390A/S6705	Provides that students who receive a high school diploma from an online high school program within the United States that is accredited with the Job Corps Policy and Requirements Handbook will be eligible for admission to colleges and financial aid.
3/5/2026	Ch. 613 of 2025 A7464B/S409A	Permits bars and restaurants to purchase wine and liquor from retail stores.
3/12/2026	Ch. 629 of 2025 A268/S123 Ch. 13 of 2026 A9445/S8776	Prohibits the use of infant walkers in child care facilities.
3/12/2026	Ch. 634 of 2025 A5886C/S6361 Ch. 21 of 2026 A9467/S8766	Prohibits deceptive or unfair real estate services agreements.
3/18/2026	Ch. 641 of 2025 A6721A/S6244A Ch. 61 of 2026 A9495/S8769	Enacts the Lieutenant Joseph Banish Mental Health Act, which establishes a law enforcement peer support program and provides for confidentiality for communications, with exceptions for required disclosure concerning child abuse, extreme risk protection orders, or as required by other court orders.
3/19/2026	Ch. 666 of 2025 A8485/S274B Ch. 68 of 2026 A9490/S8785	Requires the Department of Veterans' Services to provide information about volunteer opportunities with volunteer fire departments and emergency services providers.
3/19/2026	Ch. 675 of 2025 A2440A/S1744A Ch. 29 of 2026 A9491/S8813	Requires institutions housing a defendant due to mental disease or defect to assign a critical time intervention care management team and make a single point of access referral for the defendant prior to their discharge.

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3/19/2026	Ch. 707 of 2025 <u>A8871/S8415</u> Ch. 36 of 2026 <u>A9516/S8825</u>	Establishes the Terry Cooper Autopsy Accountability Act requiring autopsy reports to include all photographs of the body, microscopic slides, and post-mortem X-rays.
3/21/2026	Ch. 534 of 2025 <u>A8298/S8176</u>	Clarifies time limits and procedures for appeals and the filing of objections regarding child support, paternity and parentage proceedings in family court cases.
3/21/2026	Ch. 548 of 2025 <u>A7929A/S4153A</u>	Prohibits food stores and retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash.
3/27/2026	Ch. 361 of 2024 <u>A9777B/S9147B</u>	Requires the commissioner of education to establish uniform statewide protocols for diapering and toileting of students in public schools.