

Additional Resources

If you or someone you know is struggling with a matter of mental health or dealing with thoughts of suicide, call the crisis lifeline at **988**.

If you or someone you know is dealing with domestic violence, **the Willow Domestic Violence Center** is available to help. Visit its office at **693 East Ave., Rochester**, or call **585-232-5200** or text its **24-hour domestic violence hotline** at **585-222-7233**.

Questions? Concerns? My office is always here to help you!

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Pride is living your authentic self

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to learn more about how Assemblymember Harry Bronson fights for New York's LGBTQ+ community



Assemblymember Harry Bronson delivers real results for the LGBTQ+ community

“No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, what your abilities are, whom you love, or how you identify – we all have dignity and deserve equity, justice, and the opportunity to succeed.”

**–Assemblymember Harry Bronson
138th Assembly District**

Assemblymember Harry Bronson stands ★ up for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers ★

Marriage Equality Act (signed into law in 2011)

Assemblymember Bronson co-sponsored the Marriage Equality Act, which enabled same-sex couples to enter civil marriages in New York. Years before the freedom of same-sex couples to marry was federally guaranteed, Assemblymember Bronson was enshrining our fundamental rights into state law, safeguarding our access to the state-sanctioned protections and benefits all married couples enjoy.



Assemblymember Harry Bronson debating the bill.

Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) (signed into law in 2019)

Assemblymember Bronson co-sponsored this law to include gender expression and gender identity as protected categories within the state's human rights and anti-hate crime laws. This protects from discrimination in the workplace and in securing housing, as well as ensures access to public accommodations such as stores, restaurants, schools and restrooms.

Name Change Protection Laws (signed into law in 2015) and Gender Recognition Act (signed into law in 2021)

Assemblymember Bronson sponsored a 2015 law that protects transgender individuals and survivors of domestic violence if they change their legal names. It limits or fully waives the information that is required to be published when a person legally changes their name to protect their safety.

In addition, Assemblymember Bronson co-sponsored the Gender Recognition Act, which provides additional protections by limiting or waiving the information required to be published when an individual changes their name on their birth certificate or their child's birth certificate. This act also allows New York drivers to use "X" as the sex designation on their driver's license rather than "male" or "female."



LGBTQ+ Demographic Studies (signed into law in 2023)

Last year, Assemblymember Bronson passed legislation that would require state agencies already collecting data on the ethnicity of New York residents for demographic purposes to

also collect information on a person's sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Cataloging this data would allow the state to understand and better meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals.

Trans Safe Haven Act (signed into law in 2023)

Assemblymember Bronson sponsored the Trans Safe Haven Act to add protections for transgender individuals in New York, especially trans youth, some of the most vulnerable members of the LGBTQ+ community. This law prevents children from being separated from supportive parents who help them receive gender-affirming care, prohibits state law enforcement from aiding another state's investigations into care legally obtained in New York, and protects the health information of patients who come to New York to receive care and the physicians who provide that care.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and People Living with HIV Long Term Care Bill of Rights (signed into law in 2023)

Assemblymember Bronson passed legislation to make it safer for LGBTQ+ patients to access long-term medical care without fear of mistreatment. This measure would prohibit long-term medical facilities and their staff from discriminating against any resident based on their actual or perceived sexuality, gender identity or expression or HIV status.

Budget Funding for the LGBTQ+ Community

During the 2024-25 state budget negotiations, Assemblymember Bronson secured significant funding to support New York's LGBTQ+ community and increase access to housing and health care, including:

- **\$650,000** for SAGE to provide housing and supportive services for LGBTQ+ elders and veterans.
- **\$1 million** for the Lorena Borjas Transgender and Non-Binary Wellness and Equity Fund to support workforce development and training for TGNCNB New Yorkers. This funding directly addresses barriers to finding and maintaining quality employment as highlighted in a 2023 NYS Department of Labor report.
- **\$750,000** for Trillium Health to provide HIV Housing in the Finger Lakes region, and **\$250,000** for the Damien Center in Albany.
 - Although HIV is no longer a death sentence, it continues to profoundly affect the lives and health of infected individuals, and one of the biggest determinants of health outcomes for a person living with HIV is consistent housing.

