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Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
12/15/2025	Ch. 683 of 2022 S6870-B/A6246-C Ch. 131 of 2023 A3777/S2123	Provides for the regulation of animal shelters, including licensing, inspections, standards of care and personnel training.
12/15/2025	Ch. 437 of 2025 A1417-B/ S7882	Makes it illegal for landlords or property managers to collude with each other to fix rental prices, including through the use of software or algorithms.
12/15/2025	Ch. 449 of 2025 A4159-A/S1806-A	Authorizes certified peer support advocates who were previously incarcerated to enter correctional facilities to provide substance use disorder treatment and transition services.
12/17/2025	Ch. 599 of 2024 A1588-A/S3112-A	Ensures that public buildings are equipped with medications that can reverse opioid overdoses (eg. Narcan) and directs state officials to decide how many are needed, how staff should be trained, and other safety guidelines.
12/21/2025	Ch. 639 of 2024 A1244-D/S612-D Ch. 105 of 2025 A1015/S799	Prohibits employees of any state or local board of elections from maintaining a financial interest in any vendor company providing services to a candidate under their jurisdiction or by any vendor or company that sells voting machines, electronic poll books, printers, or any other technical or electronic equipment. Requires any BOE employee running for office in an election overseen by that board to be placed on a leave without pay until their candidacy is over, unless they receive authorization from a majority of that board's commissioners.
12/21/2025	Ch. 663 of 2024 S8679-A/A8846-A Ch. 38 of 2025 A1018/S2678	Requires courts and public institutions to maintain records regarding children with a developmental disability.

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12/21/2025	Ch. 623 of 2024 A8162-A/S9259 Ch. 65 of 2025 A2058/S790	Creates a veteran maternity care program to help providers better support pregnant and postpartum veterans, including care for their reproductive and mental health needs.
12/21/2025	Ch. 509 of 2025 A1944/S3765	Creates a procedure by which adoptees over the age of 18, born in a foreign country, may be issued a US birth certificate.
12/21/2025	Ch. 536 of 2025 A8407/S8198	Requires courts to review the sex offender registry and the statewide registry of orders of protection before awarding custody during an order of protection.
12/22/2025	Ch. 733 of 2023 A219-A/S942-A Ch. 104 of 2024 A8511/S8072 Ch. 512 of 2025 A2643-A/S5275-A	Adds athletic trainers to the list of mandated reporters and clarifies that athletic trainers can evaluate emergent neurological conditions and treat certain injuries after clearance from a physician. Also permits athletic trainers who are licensed to practice in another state, territory or country to provide services to athletes and team personnel at a discrete sanctioned team sporting event or performance in New York.
12/31/2025	Ch. 695 of 2023 A2105-A/S214-A Chap. 84 of 2024 A8566/S8071	Expands eligibility and clarifies procedures for individuals who file a claim for victim compensation funds by removing the law enforcement reporting requirement and allowing alternative forms of evidence to be used.
12/31/2025	Ch. 292 of 2024 A9888-C/S7731-A	Requires release mechanism standards for swimming pool enclosure gates to be developed by the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council based on internationally recognized standards.
12/31/2025	Ch. 21 of 2025 A519/S749	Requires smoke detectors to be installed in shared areas of residential buildings with three or more units and stipulates that the alarms must be audible in those common spaces.

