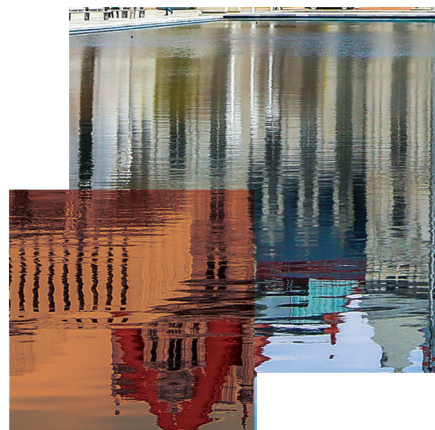


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Honorable Carl E. Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2025 Annual Report of the Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments.

Throughout the year, the Committee addressed many significant issues, including extending support to local governments and considering legislation specific to the needs of municipalities across the State. In this report you will find descriptions of the legislation and important issues considered by the Committee during the 2025 legislative session. Additionally, this report highlights goals of the Committee, which emphasize the ongoing need to support the municipalities of this State.

I share with you an appreciation for the important role local governments play in providing essential services to their residents and commend you for the support and leadership you have provided the Local Governments Committee in its pursuit to address issues facing New York's municipalities. With your assistance, the Committee will continue to focus on the needs of local governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Billy Jones".

D. Billy Jones, Chairman
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments considers the legislative needs of New York State's local governments, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, and various other special districts and local agencies. The Committee monitors the needs of local governments and strives to develop legislative remedies to meet those needs. The Committee also explores new proposals and ideas that will enable local governments to better serve the citizens of New York State. The Committee endeavors to enact laws that will further improve local governments' abilities to address their unique problems. The Committee is also interested in assisting local governments by considering legislation that will provide flexibility in municipal finances and considers other legislative solutions to help local governments remain financially solvent.

The Committee considers legislation that proposes to amend the General Municipal, Municipal Home Rule, Local Finance, County, Town, Village, Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit, and Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Laws. Since the structure, powers and scope of local governments is broad, the Committee's concerns cover a wide range of issues. Home Rule legislation is also addressed, which deals with issues specific to a certain local government's jurisdiction and are intended to remedy a specific local concern. Through the use of home rule legislation to solve individual local needs, the Committee has helped resolve many unique situations and has enabled local governments all over the State to serve their citizens better.

II. MAJOR ISSUES AND LEGISLATION OF 2025

A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID – ENACTED BUDGET

The State Budget for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) of 2025-2026 continues funding for local governments in the form of unrestricted aid and grants to help local governments achieve efficiencies and share municipal services.

Aid and Incentives to Municipalities

Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding is direct general-purpose aid provided to towns, villages, and cities. AIM funding for the State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 totaled \$758.2 million. Additionally, the Budget again included \$50 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance that was first provided in SFY 2024-2025.

Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits (CETC) and Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grants

The Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits provide a financial incentive for municipalities to consolidate, or dissolve, and to cover costs associated with studies, plans, and implementation efforts. The Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits were funded at \$35 million, unchanged from SFY 2024-2025.

Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program

The Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program received \$8 million in the SFY 2025-2026 Budget to pay for the costs associated with local government efficiency projects, municipal consolidation, and/or shared services. This funding is unchanged from SFY 2024-2025.

Small Government Assistance

The SFY 2025-2026 Budget provides \$217,300 for the counties of Essex, Franklin, and Hamilton to help offset the Adirondack Park property tax exemptions.

Financial Restructuring Board

The Financial Restructuring Board provides a comprehensive review of eligible municipalities' finances and operations. The Board received \$2.5 million to make recommendations on improving eligible municipalities' fiscal stability and to provide financial assistance for undertaking certain fiscal recommendations. This is unchanged from SFY 2024-2025.

Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Aid

Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Aid included \$30.1 million for eligible municipalities that host video lottery gaming facilities. This funding remains unchanged from SFY 2024-2025.

B. MUNICIPAL FINANCES

Westchester County Sewer Consolidation

(A.1004-B Paulin; Chapter 560 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation authorizes cities, towns and villages within Westchester County's New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District, after a determination that it would be in the public interest, to convey or lease sewer system properties to the County and to establish "special transitional zones of assessment" within the sewer district to pay for the cost of facilitating the conveyance or lease.

Erie County Bonds

(A.1177 Peoples-Stokes; Chapter 135 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation extends, until June 30, 2026, the authorization for Erie County to issue its municipal bonds or notes through private sale.

Town of Chester Community Preservation Fund

(A.2022-A Maher; Chapter 464 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation authorizes the Town of Chester in Orange County, subject to mandatory referendum, to establish a community preservation fund and to impose a 0.75 percent tax on real estate transfers to raise revenue for such fund. The fund will be used to implement a plan for the preservation of community character to be adopted by local law.

Excluding Emergency Medical Services from the Property Tax Cap

(A.2177-A Lupardo; Veto Memo 121)

Since 2012 state law has limited annual increases in property tax levies by local governments to the lesser of two percent or the rate of inflation. This legislation would preclude taxes levied for emergency medical services from counting towards this limit, allowing municipalities to better support local EMS providers.

Town of Orangetown Community Preservation Fund

(A.6097 Weider; Chapter 518 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation authorizes the Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, subject to mandatory referendum, to establish a community preservation fund and to impose a 0.75

percent tax on real estate transfers to raise revenue for such fund. The fund will be used to implement a community character preservation plan to be adopted by local law.

Private Activity Bond Allocation Act of 2025
(A.6763 Jones; Chapter 164 of the Laws of 2025)

The Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 imposed a ceiling on the amount of tax-exempt bonds that can be issued in each state in any given year to private entities for certain purposes. It also established a default method for allocating these “private activity bonds”. However, since 1988 federal law has also permitted states to establish alternative methods for allocating their private activity bond ceiling which New York has done through the “Private Activity Bond Allocation Act”. This law extends the current allocation system until 2028, allowing state and local government agencies to continue issuing tax-exempt bonds to private entities to support a wide range of important economic activities, primarily affordable housing development.

Town of Copake Community Preservation Fund
(A.6918-A Barrett; Chapter 524 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation authorizes the Town of Copake, Columbia County, subject to mandatory referendum, to establish a community preservation fund and to impose a two percent tax on real estate transfers to raise revenue for such fund. The fund will be used to implement a community character preservation plan to be adopted by local law.

Electronic Open Auction Bond Sale Pilot Program Extension
(A.8277 Jones; Chapter 240 of the Laws of 2025)

In 2019, the Legislature established a pilot program to allow certain larger municipalities to use an open auction style bidding process for the sale of municipal bonds. This law extends the existing electronic open auction bond sale pilot program until January 2028.

Village of Baldwinsville Infrastructure Projects
(A.8464 Magnarelli; Chapter 352 of the Laws of 2025)

In 2021 the Village of Baldwinsville, upon dissolution of its village sewer system and transfer of sewer services to Onondaga County, received a one-year authorization to use its existing sewer rents for infrastructure projects other than sewer projects or to transfer these rents to a capital reserve fund for such projects. The Village did not make use of this authority before it expired. This legislation amends the original authorization extending it until August 2026.

C. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Residency Requirement Exemptions

It can be difficult for municipalities to find people interested in holding public offices who are also residents of the municipality, as required by law. The Committee considers legislation that would provide flexibility in filling these offices through an exemption to the residency requirement. The following are the public officer residency exemptions granted in 2025:

**Village Justice and Associate Justice in the Village of East Syracuse
(A.2124 Hunter; Chapter 357 of the Laws of 2025)**

**Building Inspector in the Town of Pendleton
(A.5370 Bologna; Chapter 373 of the Laws of 2025)**

**Assistant Court Clerk and Fire Marshal in the Town of Harrison
(A.7287 Burdick; Chapter 379 of the Laws of 2025)**

**Town Justice in the Town of Montour
(A.7885 Palmesano; Chapter 400 of the Laws of 2025)**

**Assistant Village Engineer in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
(A.8558-A Levenberg; Chapter 385 of the Laws of 2025)**

**Clerk-Treasurer or Deputy Clerk in the Village of Baxter Estates
(A.8619 Norber; Chapter 409 of the Laws of 2025)**

Leptospirosis Disease Presumption for Municipal Sanitation Workers (A.1847-A Pheffer Amato; Chapter 693 of the Laws of 2025)

Leptospirosis is a disease caused by the bacterium *Leptospira* that can be found in contaminated water or soil. Recent reports indicate that sanitation workers have a greater risk of contracting leptospirosis. This legislation makes it easier for sanitation workers who are members of the New York City Employees' Retirement System and their beneficiaries to receive disability and death benefits by providing a rebuttable presumption that when a sanitation worker successfully passed a physical examination prior to starting service in the Sanitation Department and such examination failed to reveal any evidence of leptospirosis, the disability or death of a sanitation worker caused by leptospirosis was incurred in the performance of duty.

Continuing Education Requirements for Coroners
(A.4014 McDonald; Chapter 648 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation requires coroners and coroner's deputies to complete at least 30 credits of a state approved medical-legal investigation course over a three-year period and register with the Department of Health every three years.

Village Elections
(A.6685 Otis; Chapter 604 of the Laws of 2025)

Generally, villages are required under §15-104 of the Election Law to hold their general elections on the third Tuesday in March, unless they adopt a proposition to elect their officers on another date. In villages that have opted to hold their elections on the same date as the November general election, officials have been unable to designate nominees for vacant offices in certain instances due to a conflict between the date in the Village Law by which nominees must be chosen and the date in the Election Law when the ballots are printed. In certain cases, this has led to candidates' names being unable to be printed on the ballot and having to be elected via write-in vote. This law resolves that timing conflict by clarifying that villages that hold their elections in November must fill vacancies following the procedures and timeline set out in the Public Officers Law.

Local Officials Access to Health Data
(A.7411 Jones; Chapter 662 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation makes it easier for local health officials to monitor morbidity and mortality trends in their jurisdictions by authorizing the Commissioner of Health to appoint a local health official as their designee to receive reports and records related to a death in their jurisdiction from county coroners and medical examiners.

Village of Croton-on-Hudson Fire Officer Elections
(A.7837 Levenberg; Chapter 380 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation authorizes fire companies within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County to hold their annual meetings on the first Tuesday of December each year and to hold their fire chief and assistant chief elections on the Thursday following the first Tuesday in December of each year.

Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law Heart Condition Claims
(A.8275 Jones; Chapter 143 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation extends, until June 30, 2030, special procedures for the expedited resolution of claims related to disabilities and deaths caused by diseases or malfunctions of the heart, coronary arteries and vascular rupture under the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law.

Volunteer Firefighter Lung Disease Presumption
(A.8276 Levenberg; Chapter 167 of the Laws of 2025)

This law extends until June 30, 2030, the presumption in claims under the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law that any disease of the lungs resulting in a volunteer firefighter's disability or death was incurred in the line of duty where a volunteer firefighter successfully passed a physical examination on entry into the fire service or subsequent thereto and the examination failed to reveal any evidence of such lung conditions.

D. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Childcare in IDA Tax Exemption Policies
(A.1098 Hunter; Chapter 44 of the Laws of 2025)

This law is a chapter amendment to Chapter 646 of the Laws of 2024, which required Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) to consider the extent to which a project provides on-site child day care when adopting its uniform tax exemption policy. This legislation broadens the scope of the consideration to include the extent to which a project will provide onsite childcare services or otherwise facilitate new childcare services.

Adopt-A-Municipal Park Program
(A.1473 Stirpe; Chapter 92 of the Laws of 2025)

This law is a chapter amendment to Chapter 651 of the Laws of 2024, which authorized local governments to include lakes in the types of areas eligible to participate in municipal adopt-a-park programs. The legislation clarifies that the Department of Environmental Conservation shall not charge any additional fees in relation to activities related to a municipal adopt-a-lake program.

Municipal Websites
(A.3923 Kassay; Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2025)

This law is a chapter amendment to Chapter 609 of the Laws of 2024, which required that all municipal corporations maintain and regularly update an official website with a ".gov" domain name. This legislation revises the requirement to maintain a ".gov" website to only apply to municipalities with a population of 1,500 or more and allow municipalities with a population less than 1,500 to comply with the requirements to the extent practicable.

Cybersecurity Incident Reporting and Cybersecurity Awareness Training
(A.6769-A Jones; Chapter 177 of the Laws of 2025)

In recent years, local governments have seen a rise in cybersecurity incidents, including ransomware attacks and phishing scams. This legislation provides a clear framework for these growing cyber threats by requiring that all municipal corporations and public authorities report cybersecurity incidents within 72 hours to the Division of Homeland

Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). When requested, DHSES shall provide technical support to the affected local government as soon as possible after receipt of the report. Further, this law requires that all state and municipal employees take annual cybersecurity awareness training that is conducted during the employees' regular working hours and compensated at their regular rate of pay.

SUNY Stony Brook Fire Service Contract
(A.8279 Kassay; Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2025)

Under the General Municipal Law, counties, cities, towns, and villages are authorized to enter into contracts with any state agency including the State University of New York (SUNY) for equipment and services. This law authorizes the Setauket Fire District and the Stony Brook Fire District to enter into contracts and agreements with SUNY Stony Brook for the provision of fire protection or emergency medical services in the same manner as other municipalities under the General Municipal Law. It similarly authorizes SUNY Stony Brook to enter into contracts or agreements with these fire districts for these same services.

Southampton Freeholders Extender
(A.8591 Schiavoni; Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2025)

This law extends until July 31, 2027, provisions of law requiring that the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonality of the towns of Southampton, East Hampton, and Southold be treated as "municipal corporations" under section 72-h of the General Municipal Law, allowing them to acquire interest in real property that is located within the town that such trustees represent.

E. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Assembly has worked consistently to ensure the State's policies regarding emergency medical services are effective and sufficiently protective of both public safety and the dedicated individuals providing emergency services. We appreciate the diligence, dedication to service and efforts put forward by the thousands of New Yorkers who generously dedicate their time as volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. This session, the Committee passed a number of important pieces of legislation to both protect these workers and ensure that emergency medical services are effectively provided to all New Yorkers.

Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Planning
(A.8086-A Otis; Chapter 703 of the Laws of 2025)

This legislation requires counties to collaborate with their regional emergency medical services council and each city, county, town and village within their jurisdiction to develop a comprehensive emergency medical services plan for providing coordinated services within each county. These plans are to be completed within six months and submitted to the Department of Health and the State Emergency Medical Services council for review and comment.

Residency Exemption for Fire Department Volunteers in the Village of South Onondaga
(A.1455 Hunter; Chapter 369 of the Laws of 2025)

State law requires that the percentage of non-resident members in a fire department shall not exceed forty-five percent. However, some departments have trouble recruiting and retaining members that live within the district. This law authorizes the South Onondaga Fire Department to exceed the cap on non-resident members.

Firefighter Benevolent Associations

Firefighter benevolent associations are not-for-profit corporations, typically established by a special act of the Legislature, to promote the welfare of their volunteer members. The Committee routinely considers legislation to establish and otherwise make changes. The following benevolent associations were established or had their charters revised in in 2025:

Volunteer & Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association of Thornwood
(A.2684 Shimsky; Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2025)

Bohemia Volunteer Firefighter's Benevolent Association
(A.4006-A Gandolfo; Chapter 396 of the Laws of 2025)

West Islip Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association
(A.6231-B Durso; Chapter 401 of the Laws of 2025)

Hampton Bays Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association
(A.6593 Schiavoni; Chapter 375 of the Laws of 2025)

Hauppauge Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association
(A.6956-A Fitzpatrick; Chapter 377 of the Laws of 2025)

Pound Ridge Volunteer Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association
(A.7004 Burdick; Chapter 378 of the Laws of 2025)

Cheektowaga Firefighter's Benevolent Association
(A.7651-A Chludzinski; Chapter 588 of the Laws of 2025)

Volunteer and Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Coldenham, Inc.
(A.7918-A Maher; Chapter 395 of the Laws of 2025)

Brockport Exempt Volunteer Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.
(A.8234-A Hawley; Chapter 402 of the Laws of 2025)

South Lockport Volunteer Exempt Firefighter' Benevolent Association
(A.8774-A Bologna; Chapter 410 of the Laws of 2025)

III. PARKLAND ALIENATION LEGISLATION

The issue of parkland alienation, or the conversion of parkland for non-park purposes, has been a great concern for the Committee. As a matter of public trust, it is required that any use of public parkland for non-parkland purposes must be authorized by the New York State Legislature.

As part of the Committee's ongoing effort to protect the public trust, as it relates to parkland, and in keeping with the Assembly's policy of preserving open space, the Committee strives to ensure that each proposed parkland alienation complies with alienation guidelines prior to being reported out of Committee.

Committee guidelines for authorizing parkland alienation include specifying the number of acres proposed for alienation and requiring that the fair market value of such lands be dedicated for the purchase of replacement parkland of equal to or greater than fair market value, or for capital improvements to existing parkland. The legislation must also include a legal description of the parkland proposed to be alienated, as well as language detailing any land proposed to be dedicated if replacement land is proposed for the parkland. Finally, a home rule message from the municipality requesting alienation is required prior to the Committee acting on any parkland legislation.

Village of Croton-on-Hudson (A.810 Levenberg; Chapter 368 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, to lease certain sports field fences for advertisements.

Town of Onondaga (A.3949-A Hunter; Chapter 324 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District to lease certain parklands to the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, for the purpose of constructing a new park.

Town of Amherst (A.4030-A McMahon; Chapter 325 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Amherst, Erie County, to lease certain parklands to Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC for the purpose of constructing and operating a wireless communications tower.

Town of Brookhaven (A.5477-B DeStefano; Chapter 328 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate and discontinue certain parklands for the purpose of constructing a stormwater runoff and recharge basin.

(A.8526-A Giglio; Chapter 334 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to lease certain parklands to LI Smart Solutions, LLC for the purpose of constructing and operating a wireless communications tower, and to grant an easement to LI Smart Solutions, LLC for the purpose of constructing an access road.

Town of Union Vale

(A.5851-B Beephan; Chapter 329 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Union Vale, Dutchess County, to lease certain parklands to Homeland Towers LLC for the purpose of constructing and operating a wireless communications tower, and to grant an easement to Homeland Towers LLC for the purpose of constructing an access road.

Suffolk County

(A.5900 Fitzpatrick; Chapter 330 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the County of Suffolk to alienate and discontinue certain parklands to Russel and Deana Galindo for residential improvements.

Town of Niagara

(A.7349-A Morinello; Chapter 332 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Niagara, Niagara County, to discontinue and sell certain parklands at fair market value to Rajendra Sharma for the purpose of constructing a residence.

Town of Hurley

(A.8146 Shrestha; Chapter 326 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Hurley, Ulster County, to discontinue and alienate certain parklands for the purpose of constructing a highway garage.

City of White Plains

(A.8165 Burdick; Chapter 382 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the City of White Plains, Westchester County, to annually lease sports field fences at Gedney Park for advertisements.

Town of Ithaca

(A.8371-A Kelles; Chapter 327 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Ithaca, Tompkins County, to discontinue and alienate certain parklands for the purpose of maintaining such lands for agricultural purposes.

Town of Cortlandville

(A.8373-A Kelles; Chapter 338 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Town of Cortlandville to lease certain parklands to Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. for the purpose of constructing an electronic billboard and validates a prior lease agreement.

Village of Malverne

(A.8557-A Griffin; Chapter 336 of the Laws of 2025)

This law authorizes the Village of Malverne, Nassau County, to alienate and sell certain parklands for the purpose of housing development.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Local Government Commodity Procurement

On November 12th the Assembly held a public hearing to examine and discuss current local government commodity procurement laws. The hearing was conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Cities. Currently, local governments may award procurement contracts to the “lowest responsible bidder” or on the basis of “best value,” but in recent years, there have been several requests to modify local procurement authority to provide greater flexibility. The purpose of the hearing was to examine efforts to improve transparency, fairness, and efficiency in the procurement process, as well as the role of emerging technology in achieving those goals. Various municipal groups, local procurement officials, and advocacy groups participated.

V. OUTLOOK FOR 2026

The Committee recognizes the difficult economic outlook that municipalities and citizens of New York State have faced and will continue to face in the year to come. The Committee will build on the progress made during the 2025 legislative session, continuing to find solutions to reduce costs to local governments and keep New Yorkers safe. The Committee will continue to take actions to lessen burdens placed on local governments and consider legislation that proposes solutions for municipal workers and increase assistance for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

In addition, the Committee will also continue to advocate for the fair and equitable distribution of local government aid and work to promote solutions to the issues faced this year. Local governments rely on a stable and predictable revenue stream from the State, which is also a critical aspect to forming balanced local budgets.

The Committee will continue to work with local governments to address the needs of municipalities by examining home rule legislation that provides communities with a remedy to their locally specific situations. The Committee looks forward to continuing to work with the Governor, the Senate, the State Comptroller, the Attorney General, and all local governments to improve the outlook for municipalities going forward.

APPENDIX A

2025 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

<u>Final Disposition</u>	<u>Assembly Bills</u>	<u>Senate Bills</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bills Reported:			
To Codes	4	0	4
To Judiciary	0	0	0
To Ways and Means	36	0	36
To Rules	9	0	9
To Floor	2	0	2
TOTAL	51	0	51
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	25	0	25
Bills Having Committee Referenced Change	20	0	20
Bills Held in Committee	7	0	7
Remaining in Committee	182	31	213
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETNGS HELD		7	

APPENDIX B

Bills that Passed Both Houses

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
A.810	Levenberg	Authorizes the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, to lease certain sports field fences for advertisements.	Chapter 368
A.1004-B	Paulin	Authorizes certain municipalities in Westchester County to lease or convey sewer systems within the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District to the County when deemed to be in the public interest.	Chapter 560
A.1098	Hunter	Provides technical amendments to Chapter 646 of the Laws of 2024, which required IDAs to consider the extent to which a project provided on-site daycare facilities when establishing their uniform tax exemption policies.	Chapter 44
A.1177	Peoples-Stokes	Extends the authorization for Erie County to sell bonds at private sale.	Chapter 135
A.1455	Hunter	Provides an exemption from the forty-five percent limit on nonresident members for the South Onondaga Fire Department.	Chapter 369
A.1473	Stirpe	Provides technical amendments to Chapter 651 of the Laws of 2024, by prohibiting the Department of Environmental Conservation from charging fees for activities related to the adopt-a-lake program.	Chapter 92
A.1847-A	Pheffer Amato	Establishes a presumption that the death or disability of New York City sanitation workers due to leptospirosis was incurred in the line of duty.	Chapter 693
A.2022-A	Maher	Authorizes the Town of Chester to establish a community preservation fund and impose a .75% real estate transfer tax.	Chapter 464
A.2124	Hunter	Modifies the local residency requirements for the office of village justice and/or associate justice in the Village of East Syracuse.	Chapter 357
A.2177-A	Lupardo (MS)	Excludes taxes levied for emergency medical services from counting towards the limit on real property taxes levied by local governments.	Veto Memo 121

A.2684	Shimsky	Updates the purposes of, and the authorized uses of, fire insurance tax premium monies by, the Volunteer and Exempt Firefighters Benevolent Association of Thornwood, New York.	Chapter 371
A.3923	Kassay	Provides technical amendments to Chapter 609 of the Laws of 2024, which required municipalities to maintain and regularly update an official “.gov” websites.	Chapter 97
A.3949-A	Hunter	Authorizes the Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District to lease certain parklands to the Town of Onondaga for the purpose of constructing a town park.	Chapter 324
A.4006-A	Gandolfo	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Bohemia Volunteer Firefighter’s Benevolent Association.	Chapter 396
A.4014	McDonald	Requires that coroners and coroner’s deputies complete 30 credits in state approved medical legal investigation courses over a three-year period.	Chapter 648
A.4030-A	McMahon	Authorizes the Town of Amherst to lease certain parklands to Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC for the purpose of constructing a wireless communications tower.	Chapter 325
A.5370	Bologna	Modifies the local residency requirements for the office of building inspector in the Town of Pendleton.	Chapter 373
A.5477-B	DeStefano	Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate certain parklands for use as a recharge basin.	Chapter 328
A.5851-B	Beephan	Authorizes the Town of Union Vale, Dutchess County, to alienate land for the construction of a wireless communications tower, and to provide an easement for access and utilities.	Chapter 329
A.5900	Fitzpatrick	Authorizes Suffolk County to alienate certain parklands to Russel and Deana Galindo for the purpose of residential development.	Chapter 330
A.6097	Wieder	Authorizes the Town of Orangetown to establish a community preservation fund and impose a .75% real estate transfer tax.	Chapter 518
A.6231-B	Durso	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the West Islip Exempt Firefighter’s Benevolent Association.	Chapter 401

A.6428-A	Shimsky	Authorizes Westchester County to utilize the Design-Build procurement model for certain authorized public works projects.	Chapter 573
A.6593	Schiavoni	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Hampton Bays' Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association.	Chapter 375
A.6685	Otis	Clarifies the procedure for filling vacancies in Villages that hold their elections in November.	Chapter 604
A.6763	Jones	Extends the process for allocating the amount of tax-exempt private activity bonds issued by the State.	Chapter 164
A.6769-A	Jones	Requires local governments and public authorities to report cybersecurity incidents to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and establishes cybersecurity training requirements for State and municipal employees.	Chapter 177
A.6918-A	Barrett	Authorizes the Town of Copake to establish a community preservation fund and impose a 2% real estate transfer tax.	Chapter 524
A.6956-A	Fitzpatrick	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Hauppauge Volunteer Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association.	Chapter 377
A.7004	Burdick	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Pound Ridge Firefighters' Benevolent Association.	Chapter 378
A.7287	Burdick	Modifies the local residency requirements for the office of assistant court clerk and fire marshal in the Town of Harrison.	Chapter 379
A.7349-A	Morinello	Authorizes the Town of Niagara to discontinue and convey certain parklands to Rajendra Sharma for the purpose of residential development.	Chapter 332
A.7411	Jones	Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to appoint a local health official as their designee to receive death reports and records.	Chapter 662
A.7651-A	Chludzinski	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Rescue Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association in the Town of Cheektowaga.	Chapter 588

A.7837	Levenberg	Changes the date that fire chief elections and annual meetings are held for fire companies in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.	Chapter 380
A.7885	Palmesano	Modifies the local residency requirements for the office of town justice in the Town of Montour.	Chapter 400
A.7918-A	Maher	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Volunteer and Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent of Coldenham, Inc.	Chapter 395
A.8086-A	Otis	Requires counties to develop a comprehensive emergency medical services plan that provides for coordinated services within each county.	Chapter 703
A.8146	Shrestha	Authorizes the Town of Hurley, Ulster County, to alienate certain parklands for the purpose of constructing a town highway garage.	Chapter 326
A.8165	Burdick	Authorizes the City of White Plains, Westchester County, to lease certain sports field fences for advertisements.	Chapter 382
A.8268	Brown E.	Extends the authorization for the Town of Hempstead to make payments in lieu of taxes for certain properties.	Chapter 153
A.8234-A	Hawley	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the Brockport Exempt Volunteer Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.	Chapter 402
A.8275	Jones	Extends the special procedures for expedited resolution of claims under the Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law related to diseases of the heart or coronary arteries until 2030.	Chapter 143
A.8276	Levenberg	Extends the presumption that certain diseases of the lung resulting in the death or disability of a volunteer firefighter were incurred in the line of duty, until 2030.	Chapter 167
A.8277	Jones	Extends the Open Auction Bond Sale Pilot Program until 2028.	Chapter 240
A.8279	Kassay	Authorizes the Setauket Fire District and Stony Brook Fire District to contract with SUNY Stony Brook for the provision of EMS services.	Chapter 533

A.8366	Brown E.	Extends the authorization for the Town of Hempstead to make payments in lieu of taxes for Lido Beach-Point Lookout, until 2027.	Chapter 178
A.8371-A	Kelles	Authorizes the Town of Ithaca to alienate and discontinue certain parklands for agricultural purposes.	Chapter 327
A.8373-A	Kelles	Authorizes the Town of Cortlandville to lease certain parklands to Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc for the purpose of constructing an electronic billboard and validates a prior lease agreement.	Chapter 338
A.8464	Magnarelli	Re-authorizes the Village of Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, to use existing village sewer rents for infrastructure projects.	Chapter 352
A.8526-A	Giglio	Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate lands for the construction of a wireless communications tower, and to provide an easement for access and utilities.	Chapter 334
A.8557-A	Griffin	Authorizes the Village of Malverne to alienate certain parklands for the development of housing.	Chapter 336
A.8558-A	Levenberg	Modifies the local residency requirements for the position of assistant village engineer in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.	Chapter 385
A.8591	Schiavoni	Extends the eligibility of the Trustees of the Freeholders and the commonality of the Towns of Southampton and Easthampton to receive certain municipal land transfers until 2027.	Chapter 187
A.8619	Norber	Modifies the local residency requirements for the offices of clerk-treasure and deputy clerk in the Village of Baxter Estates.	Chapter 409
A.8774-A	Bologna	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance tax premium monies for the South Lockport Volunteer Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association.	Chapter 410
A.8794	Brown E.	Extends the authorization for Nassau County to make payments in lieu of taxes for certain properties in the Long Beach City School District until 2030.	Chapter 154

APPENDIX C

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY ONLY

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>
A.5574	Barclay	Re-establishes the office of coroner in the County of Oswego.
A.6824-B	Woerner	Requires coroners and medical examiners to develop a protocol for making referrals to eye and tissue banks.
A.7250	Sempolinski	Provides a residency exemption for the town justice in the Town of Rushford.
A.7839	Fitzpatrick	Updates the purposes and uses of fire insurance premium tax monies for the Nesconset Volunteer Firefighter's Benevolent Association.