



2022 State Legislative Wrap Up-Committee on Immigration Representation

The 2022 state legislative session has ended, and several actions were taken by the legislature that may be of interest to your Committee. Any memoranda drafted by the Committee in support or opposition to legislation is linked below and was shared by the Government Relations team to the key relevant legislators. The team will continue its advocacy on these matters in the future. The state legislature is expected to remain in recess until January 2023.

Committee Legislative Engagement:

- **Notification of risk of deportation:** Legislation [supported and advanced by the Committee and Association](#) requiring courts to advise defendants of the risk of deportation, prior to accepting a plea if they are not citizens passed both houses in 2022. If signed by the governor, this bill will take effect 90 days after it is signed into law.
- **Right To Counsel in Immigration Proceedings:** Legislation [supported](#) and advanced by the Committee and Association establishing a statutory right to counsel in immigration proceedings unfortunately did not pass either house this year. The legislation remains in the Codes committee in the Senate and the Finance Committee in the Assembly.
- **New York For All Act:** Issued [memorandum supporting legislation](#) that would limit the use of state resources and regulate how public officials in our state may engage with federal immigration enforcement.. This legislation has been referred to the Codes committee in the Senate and has advanced to the Ways and Means committee in the Assembly.
- **Dignity Not Detention:** Issued [memorandum supporting legislation](#) to amend the correction law to prohibit the entering, renewal, or continuation of immigration detention contracts with New York localities. This legislation has been referred to the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction committee in the Senate and referred to the Correction committee in the Assembly.

Other Notable Legislation Passed by Both Houses:

- **Immigration or citizenship status as a protected class:** Legislation that will amend the Human Rights Act to make discrimination on the basis of citizenship or immigration status unlawful. If signed into law by the governor, this bill will take effect immediately.

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- **Respect to immigrant population**: Legislation that amends several laws to replace the words alien and illegal alien with “noncitizen” and “undocumented noncitizen”. If signed into law by the governor, this bill will take effect immediately.
- **Minimizing barriers, maximizing opportunities**: Legislation directing the commissioner of labor to conduct a comprehensive study to identify barriers faced by immigrants and refugees entering the workforce and adult education, and make recommendations to reduce such barriers. If signed into law by the governor, this bill will take effect immediately and expire two years after it has become law.
- **Immigration bond business definition**: Legislation amending the insurance law to restrict immigration bond business to authorized entities and providing increased oversight to curb abuse. If signed by the governor, this bill will take effect on the 60th day after it is signed into law.

At this time, no executive action has been taken on the above legislation. The governor must act (sign, veto, or negotiate amendments) on this legislation before January 2023. NYSBA will continue to advocate for the enactment of any bills supported by the Committee that have passed both houses.

Thank you for the feedback you continue to provide to our Government Relations’ team and the elected officials. As experts in the field, the legislature grants great deference to the opinions of the committee and your feedback has the power to influence the policy of the state. Please feel free to reach out to the NYSBA Government Relations team with any questions about policy proposals, pending legislation or the legislative process generally.

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