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## 2024 End of Year State Legislative Update: Environmental and Energy Law Section

We've come to the end of the 2024, with several actions taken by the Legislature and Executive that may be of interest to your section. Please reach out to the GR team with any questions about any particular legislation of interest that you don't see on the following list. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the section in support of or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the section as we move into the 2025 legislative session.

### Legislation of Interest

#### **Signed by the Governor:**

- A9330-A(Burdick)/S8506-A(Harckham): Relates to individual sewage disposal disclosures and providing information on the property condition disclosure statement. This bill was signed by the Governor and will go into effect in July 2025.
- S2129-B(Krueger)/A3351-B(Dinowitz): Establishes the climate change adaptation cost recovery program and the climate change adaptation fund. This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect immediately.
- S8031(Hoylman-Sigal)/A8571(Glick): Relates to regulation of certain coated or treated seeds. This bill was signed by the Governor as a chapter amendment to a preexisting bill.
- S9688(Fernandez)/A10146(Barrett): Relates to an exemption from taxation for capital improvements to residential buildings to reduce carbon emissions. This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect immediately.
- A4098-B(Cunningham)/S4305-B(Parker): Relates to directing the wireless service industry to report on current and future plans to pursue renewable energy technology to power macrocells. This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect in March of 2025. It will expire and be deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.

#### **Vetoed by the Governor:**

- A7491-B(Bronson)/S5868-B(Harckham): Relates to prevailing wage requirements applicable to brownfield remediation work performed under private contract. The Section's memo in Opposition can be found [here](#).
- A7396-B(Lee)/S7195-B(Kavanagh): Relates to the availability of technical assistance grants in brownfield site remedial programs.
- A6244-C(Stern)/S4993-C(Martinez): Authorizes the presence of dogs in state parks. This bill was supported by the Committee on Animals and the Law.

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**Not Passed:**

- A8452-A(O'Donnell): Establishes environmental standards for ambient lead and lead contamination. This bill did not have a same as in the Senate and did not pass the Assembly.
- S943-A(Parker)/ A5050(Braunstein): Relates to establishing an abatement and exemption from real property taxes for capital improvements to reduce carbon emissions. This bill was committed to the Finance committee in the Senate but had no movement in the Assembly.
- S7985-C(Cleare): Establishes air quality standards for lead in ambient air, soil-lead hazard standards, and dust-lead hazard standards. This bill passed the Senate but had no same-as in the Assembly.

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