



## 2024 End of Year State Legislative Update: Trial Lawyers 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

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

- A9232-B(Weinstein)/S8485-B(Hoylman-Sigal): Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought. This bill passed both houses this session and will go to the Governor for signature or veto.
- A4721(Solages)/S5137(Gonzalez): Relates to prohibiting a court from denying class certification solely because the action involves governmental operations. This legislation passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.

#### **Not Passed:**

- A115(Magnarelli): Relates to consumer litigation funding. This bill did not move in the Assembly and has no same-as in the Senate.
- S9281(Hoylman-Sigal)/A8879(Weprin): Repeals section 470 of the judiciary law relating to allowing attorneys having offices in the state to reside in an adjoining state. This legislation passed the Senate but did not move past the rules committee in the Assembly.
- A2127(Dinowitz)/S5188(Skoufis): Relates to permitting a plaintiff to recover directly against a third-party defendant found to be liable in certain actions. This legislation passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- S7113(Hoylman-Sigal)/A9425(Dinowitz): Relates to class actions. This bill showed no movement this session.
- S9419(Cooney)/A7628(Bores): Requires the reporting of certain accidents involving electric scooters and bicycles with electric assist. This bill passed the Assembly and was sent to the Senate. It passed the Senate after being amended, but did not pass the Assembly a second time after being amended in the Senate.
- A2741(Paulin)/S4228(Cooney): Relates to summaries of readable and understandable insurance. This bill passed the Assembly but did not move in the Senate.

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- A4011(Weprin)/S1472(Breslin): Requires the superintendent of financial services to promulgate regulations which provide standardized definitions for commonly used terms and phrases in certain insurance policies. This bill passed the Assembly but did not move in the Senate.
- A6945(Burdick)/S6551(Mayer): Relates to an individual's right to request a hearing regarding an unemployment insurance benefits claim. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A8463(Bores): Requires policies covering losses or damages from cyberattacks to include a requirement that the insured notify a law enforcement agency. This bill did not move in the Assembly and has no same-as in the Senate.

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