

2025 State Legislative Update: Health Law Section

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative Session, with several actions taken by the Legislature 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 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 second half of 2025.

Legislation of Interest

Passed by the Legislature:

- A136(Paulin)/S138(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to the medical aid in dying (MAID) act. This bill will go
 to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year. This bill is supported as NYSBA
 policy a memo was submitted on behalf of the Association.
- S3486(Hinchey)/A3862(Rozic): Relates to providing information to patients and the public on hospital rule-based exclusions. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- S4914-B(Hoylman-Sigal)/A5480-C(Bronson): Protects individuals who provide or receive legally
 protected health activity from criminal or civil liability or professional sanctions imposed by
 jurisdictions outside the state; repealer. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto
 before the end of the year.
- A2027(Paulin)/S3361(Rivera): Requires medical evaluations for assisted living eligibility to be conducted within thirty days prior to the date of admission. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A6004(Simon)/S1226(Rivera): Requires public notice and public engagement when a general
 hospital seeks to close entirely or a unit that provides maternity, mental health or substance use
 care. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.

Not Passed:

- A725(Rosenthal): Provides course work and training in HIV and STI testing. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and did not move in the Assembly.
- A6596-A(Rosenthal)/S6377-A(Hoylman-Sigal): Requires Medicaid to cover gender-affirming care regardless of federal funding; prohibits discriminatory practices by health care entities and insurers; relates to coverage for treatment for gender dysphoria. This bill showed some movement in both houses but did not pass either.

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- A1416-A(Paulin)/S893-A(Sepulveda): Relates to the use of psychotropic medications in nursing homes and adult care facilities. This bill showed some movement in both houses but did not pass.
- A928-A(Steck)/S1571-A(Krueger): Provides funding for abortion services and travel-related expenses not covered by the military for certain New York state residents. This bill showed some movement in both houses but did not pass either.
- A1158-A(Seawright)/S4850(Ryan C): Includes second degree relatives in certain criteria for breast cancer screenings to be covered under insurance plans. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A2137(Gonzalez-Rojas)/S135(Cleare): Provides practical support for access to abortion care. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A1118(Paulin)/S5744(Cleare): Relates to increasing monetary penalties for public health law violations. This bill showed some movement in both houses but did not pass either.
- A1541-A(Paulin)/S7544-A(Brouk): Establishes the cesarean births review board. This bill passed the Assembly and showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass.
- A1974(Paulin)/S8290(Ryan C): Relates to establishing an early intervention loan repayment program. This bill did not show any movement in either house.
- A2454(McDonald)/S7048(Webb): Relates to review of projects affecting the availability of maternity services. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A4879-A(Kelles)/S4583-A(Salazar): Relates to the health, safety and human rights of incarcerated pregnant individuals, incarcerated birthing parents of children and their children. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A6368(Walker)/S7513(Cleare): Enacts the "children and recovering mothers (CHARM) act". This bill did not show any movement in either house.
- A6509-A(Septimo): Relates to ovarian cancer research. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly but was not introduced in the Senate.
- A7448(Zaccaro)/S7012(Scarcella-Spanton): Requires health care providers facilitate a screening for maternal depression within the first six weeks of a person giving birth. This bill did not show any movement in either house.

See here for NYSBA's Government Relation's update for the 2025 legislative session.

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