



2025 End of Year State Legislative Update: Committee on Disability Rights

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative Session, with several actions taken by the Legislature and Governor that may be of interest to your committee. 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 committee in support or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the committee as we move into the 2026 Legislative Session.

Legislation of Interest

Chaptered or Vetoed by the Governor:

- A136(Paulin)/S138(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to the medical aid in dying (MAID) act. This bill will be signed by the Governor by the end of January 2026 after some chapter amendments are adopted by the legislature, and will go into effect July 2026. This bill is supported as NYSBA policy – [a memo was submitted](#) on behalf of the Association.
- A4040-A (Lasher)/S4067-A (Kavanagh): Codifies the disparate impact standard in the human rights law. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately.
- S4767(Bailey)/A8254(Jackson): Relates to training police officers on how to respond to situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and took effect in September 2025.
- A4727(Bronson)/S50(Comrie): Relates to paid family leave benefits. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately.
- A8433(Davila)/S8179(Persaud): Extends current exemptions of income and resources for public assistance programs. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and went into effect August 2025.
- A1820-A(Steck)/S3178-A(Sanders): Requires the modification of restrictive covenants prior to the sale of real property. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will take effect in June 2026.
- A33(Burdick)/S4511(Ramos): Relates to the promotion of employment of people with disabilities. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. As the bill would have a fiscal impact, the Governor stated in her veto message that the bill should be considered during the budget process.
- A2748(Bronson)/S2537(Ramos): Relates to eligibility for classification as permanent total disability. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. In her veto message she stated that this bill would have lasting financial implications, especially for employers already struggling with increased costs due to inflation.
- A1817(Rosenthal)/S7741(May): Defines closed period of eligibility for purposes of certain supplemental security income and includes such time period in the eligibility requirements of such supplemental security income. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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Not Passed:

- A4628-A(Seawright)/S2269-A(Hoylman-Sigal): Requires certain motion picture theaters to provide scheduled showings of motion pictures with open motion picture captioning. This bill showed some movement in both houses but did not pass. The Committee on Disability Rights submitted [a memo in support](#) for this bill.
- 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.
- A1946(Rosenthal)/S6472(Cleare): Relates to the definition of income for tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities. This bill did not show any movement this session.
- A2242-A(Simon)/S1758-A(Persaud): Allows for certain disability benefits to continue in the event an individual who is receiving such benefits gets married. This bill showed some movement this session but did not pass.
- A3102(Dilan)/S6335(Sepulveda): Confirms the definition of an incarcerated individual with a serious mental illness to the definition of "person with a serious mental illness" in the mental hygiene law. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass either house.
- A3598(Schiavoni)/S7819(Cleare): Relates to proceedings for appointment of a guardian for personal needs or property management. This bill showed some movement in the Senate, but did not pass either house.
- A4637(Anderson)/S4775(Ryan): Safeguards cash accounts for people with developmental disabilities in a facility. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A7363-C(Santabarbara)/S7792-B(Fahy): Relates to protecting the communication rights of individuals with disabilities. This bill passed the Assembly and showed some movement in the Senate, but did not pass.
- A7469(Lavine)/S6027(Parker): Requires the petitioner for appointment of a guardian for an incapacitated person to identify all other persons who may be able to manage the affairs of such incapacitated person. This bill did not show movement in either house.
- A7811(Walker): Relates to creating the "modernized voter registration act of New York"; modernizes voter registration, promotes access to voting for individuals with disabilities. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and did not move in the Assembly.
- S1728(Brouk)/A6804(Griffin): Relates to the disclosure of the records of court proceedings in certain mental hygiene proceedings. This bill passed the Senate, but did not move in the Assembly.

See [here](#) for NYSBA's Government Relations' update for the 2025 legislative session.

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