



UPDATE

2025 State Legislative Update: Environmental and Energy Law Section

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative year, with several actions taken by the Legislature and the Governor 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 2026 legislative session.

Legislation of Interest

Chaptered or Vetoed by the Governor:

- A1179(Glick)/S1069(Serrano): Prohibits the lease of state forests, reforestation areas, wildlife management areas and unique areas for the purpose of gas and oil production. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A4914(Bronson)/S5379(Harckham): Relates to prevailing wage requirements applicable to brownfield remediation work performed under private contract. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A5714(Lee)/S4263(Kavanagh): Relates to the availability of technical assistance grants in brownfield site remedial programs. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A8018(Lunsford)/S7769-A(Baskin): Relates to the management of oysters. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A1819(Simon)/S3163(Hoyleman-Sigal): Enacts the monarch preservation plan. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A4997(Glick)/S4289(Hoyleman-Sigal): Extends DEC's authority to regulate management of crabs, and prohibits the taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial and biomedical purposes. The Committee on Animals and the Law [wrote a letter to the Governor's office](#) in support of this bill. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- S73-A(Kavanagh)/A4641-A(Glick): Relates to rechargeable battery recycling. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- S1704(Harckham)/A6466(Septimo): Relates to reduction of air pollution from petroleum bulk storage facilities. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A4725-B(Burdick)/S2706-B(Hoyleman-Sigal): Prohibits the use of drilling fluids and flowback water from wells, pools or fields on any highway. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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Not Passed:

- A933(Glick)/S6538(Sanders): Relates to the development of uniform standards for the coloring of wind turbine rotor blades. This bill did not show movement in either house. The Committee on Animals and the Law supported this bill [with a memo](#).
- A276(Barrett)/S2086(Kavanagh): Increases the statewide energy storage capacity. This bill showed some movement in the Senate, but did not pass either house.
- A1749(Glick)/S1464(Harckham): Enacts the "packaging reduction and recycling infrastructure act". This bill passed the Senate and was ordered to third-reading in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A2417(Gallagher)/S4513(Ramos): Requires applicants for major projects located near an environmental justice community to submit an enhanced public participation plan. This bill passed the Senate, but did not show any movement in the Assembly.
- A2486-A(Carroll R)/S3828-A(Hoyleman-Sigal): Enacts the "emission tampering act". This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A2596(Barrett)/S2085(Kavanagh): Establishes new targets for offshore wind electricity generation. This bill did not move in either house this session.
- A3091-A(Kelles)/S672-A(Hinchey): Relates to environmental restoration projects; repealer. This bill showed some movement in both houses this session, but did not pass.
- A3682-A(Peoples-Stokes)/S122-A(Cleare): Establishes environmental standards for ambient lead and lead contamination. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A3915(Rivera)/S858(Ryan S): Extends the duration of certain brownfield redevelopment and remediation tax credits for certain sites. This bill did not move in either house.
- A5832-B(Kelles)/S4574-B(May): Enacts the "PFAS discharge disclosure act". This bill passed the Senate and was ordered to third reading in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A6416(Septimo)/S4030(Fernandez): Relates to emissions of toxic air contaminants. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- S6889(Gallivan): Relates to the brownfields cleanup program to include state-owned properties. This bill was not introduced in the Assembly and did not show any movement in the Senate.

See [here](#) for NYSBA's Government Relation's End of Year Legislative Update.

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