



UPDATE

2025 State Legislative Update: Health 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:

- A136(Paulin)/S138(Hoyleman-Sigal): Relates to the medical aid in dying (MAID) act. This bill has been delivered to the Governor and will be signed by the end of January after certain chapter amendments are made. It will go into effect six months after being chaptered. After a [report by the Task Force on MAID](#) was adopted by NYSBA's House of Delegates in January of 2024, NYSBA [strongly advocated for passage](#) of the bill in Legislature. When the bill was passed by the legislature in June of 2025, NYSBA President Kathleen Sweet and MAID Task Force Chair Mary Beth Morrissey joined the Government Relations team in advocating for the bill with the Governor's office. A letter writing campaign to encourage the Governor to sign the bill was launched by the Government Relations team in late November resulting in over 300 NYSBA members voicing their support.
- S4914-B(Hoyleman-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 was chaptered by the Governor and goes into effect immediately.
- 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 was chaptered by the Governor and went into effect immediately.
- A1944(Paulin)/S3765(Hoyleman-Sigal): Relates to birth certificates for foreign adoptions. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and went into effect December 2025.
- A1970-A(Paulin)/S5225-A(Gounardes): Relates to the collection and reporting of sexual offense evidence on the statewide electronic tracking system. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will take effect immediately.

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- A2398(Gallagher)/S1814(Fernandez): Replaces the words addict and addicts with the words persons with substance use disorder or a variation thereof. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and went into effect November 2025.
- 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 was vetoed by the Governor.
- S3486(Hinchey)/A3862(Rozic): Relates to providing information to patients and the public on hospital rule-based exclusions. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A565(Paulin)/S3437(Krueger): Relates to prohibiting the establishment of new for-profit hospices. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A778-A(Rosenthal)/S7714-A(Gonzalez): Directs the department of health to create an informational pamphlet concerning intrauterine devices. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A2168(Paulin)/S7545(Brouk): Requires the department of health to develop and maternal health care providers to distribute written information about episiotomy to maternity patients. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- A2581-B(Gonzalez-Rojas)/S3285-B(Gonzalez): Creates a department of health education and outreach program on reproductive health services. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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.
- 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.

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- 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(Scarella-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 End of Year Legislative Update.

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