

**Assemblywoman Schimel's Bills
Awaiting Governor's Signature**

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**A9003A Manhasset Lakeville
Benevolent Association**

This legislation will provide an opportunity for the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire District to use funds through a state regulated insurance program to assist disabled firefighters and their families, and enhance the health and welfare of the volunteer fire fighters. This legislation is replicated throughout fire districts in New York State.

**At press time this bill
was just signed into law
by the Governor**

**A9321A Lever Voting Machine
Extender Legislation**

For an unprecedented third time, I was able to provide local governments and school districts relief from a costly voting machine mandate. This bill allows villages, school districts, and special districts to continue to use lever voting machines until December 2015 and requires the State Board of Election to issue a report on the fiscal and resource impacts on these entities to institute optical scanning voting machines.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Michelle Schimel
**HOW A
BILL
BECOMES A
LAW**



A message from...

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Michelle Schimel



Dear Neighbor,

As your representative in the New York State Assembly, my chief responsibilities are drafting, analyzing, and voting on proposals that affect all New Yorkers. Considering proposed new laws is one of the most important roles in my everyday responsibilities.

The New York State Legislature is unique because it truly allows for full citizen participation in the law making process, which is why you should understand the process of how a bill becomes a law.

This year I had ten bills that passed the house of Assembly, nine of which passed both the Assembly and the Senate and await the Governor's signature. These bills affect you and I want you to read about them.

I hope you find this helpful in understanding the process of lawmaking in New York State. If you have any questions about the legislative process, or any other issue, please call my office.

Sincerely,

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Where do our laws come from?

1. An idea becomes a bill.

A proposed law starts as a “bill,” which is introduced in the State Legislature. A bill can have many sponsors or it can have only one sponsor. No matter how many sponsors a bill may have, remember that all bills must pass both houses of the Legislature—the Assembly and the Senate. A bill will usually have a separate Assembly and Senate sponsor.

2. A journey through the legislative process.

Before it is passed by the legislature, various standing committees, made up of small groups of legislators, examine and analyze my bill. Once it is approved by the committees, it is put on a calendar so it can be voted on by the full membership of the Assembly or the Senate or hopefully, both. In most cases—in both the Assembly and the Senate—a bill needs at least half the members to vote “yes” for it to pass. There are times, however, when a bill needs more than half the members to vote “yes” for it to pass. My bill must pass both the Assembly and the Senate before the Governor can consider it.

3. A bill becomes a law.

If my bill passes both the Assembly and the Senate, it is then delivered to the Governor for his signature. Once the bill is delivered to the Governor’s desk, it must be acted upon within 10 days.

The Governor can sign the bill into law, or without taking any affirmative action, allow the bill to become law without his signature, or he may veto or reject the bill.

I have had a few of my bills vetoed in the past! A veto can be overridden if at least two-thirds of the legislators in the Assembly and the Senate agree with the bill. No easy task.

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This year nine of my bills made it to the floor of the Assembly and the Senate for a vote and passed. One bill, A.1919B on Expedited Partner Therapy, only passed in the Assembly.

Here is a list of some of the bills that hopefully will be signed into law before December 31, 2014:

A9430 Regulation of Clams

Each legislative session cycle (two years), the Department of Environmental Conservation/DEC introduces program bills on the regulation of fish, shell fish, and marine life. I sit on the Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation. My specialty is Clam Legislation! So if you like your linguini and clam sauce, this is the bill to thank!

A1869 Truss Construction Notification System

While truss construction is very durable, when weakened by fire, major component of a truss foundation can collapse without warning. In recent years, truss construction has been the cause of many preventable injuries and deaths among fire fighters. This bill mandates a notification system which will enable first responders to take appropriate measures that will protect the lives of residents and ensure the safety of first responders responding to a fire emergency.

A1871 Asbestos Removal

This bill was introduced in conjunction with NYCOM/ New York Conference of Mayors. The legislation offers mandate relief to villages, towns, and cities when trying to abate abandoned buildings that require asbestos removal by waiving fees for local municipalities when the fees exceed the cost of the property being remediated.

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