

# Deputy Speaker Earlene Hooper

Working to keep  
our families safe

“Making sure families are safe in their neighborhoods is what I care most about. These new laws make our district a safer place to live.”



**Earlene Hooper**  
Deputy Speaker



This year, Deputy Speaker Hooper passed new laws to better protect families.



**Enacting the NY SAFE Act**, which bans assault weapons and increases penalties for use of illegal handguns to help end horrific gun violence in our neighborhoods (Ch. 1 of 2013)



**Strengthening penalties for texting while driving** for young drivers because inattention and inexperience is a deadly combination (Ch. 91 of 2013)



**Increasing penalties for repeat child abusers**, ensuring these heinous criminals stay behind bars (Ch. 172 of 2013)



**Cracking down on drunk drivers** by tightening the ignition interlock requirement that prevents the car from starting if the driver is intoxicated (Ch. 169 of 2013)



**Helping domestic violence victims** rebuild their lives by providing new telephone numbers free of charge (Ch. 202 of 2013)

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