



ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

2022 Progress Report

Dear Neighbor:

In my annual Progress Report, I am pleased to highlight this year's New York State Budget, important legislation impacting our area which passed, as well as other important matters affecting the 129th Assembly District.

This year, we were able to pass legislation which continues to improve the lives of working men and women in our state: protect the vulnerable, honor our veterans, aid first-responders to make their jobs safer, and adjust policies to protect the public from dishonest practices. New York continues to lead the way on these and so many other important issues.

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Central New York is a wonderful area filled with a tightly knit community of neighbors. My office organizes a variety of free events to help meet specific needs in the community and to build the relationships that our residents rely on. Earlier this year, we held a paper shredding event that was well-attended, as residents were looking to properly dispose of documents with sensitive information. Teens from Solvay High School Athletics volunteered to unload the boxes of documents from cars. We will be having another shredding event with OCRRA and Confidata on September 10. On October 29, we are partnering with SUNNKING to hold an electronics recycling event as a way to properly dispose of old and unused electronic devices. On November 5, I will host the 15th annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo – a wonderful opportunity for residents to interact with the organizations in our community that provide opportunities and services for veterans.

I am honored to serve as your Assemblyman, representing the 129th District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley, Outer Comstock, and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the Town of Geddes, including the Village of Solvay, and the Town of Van Buren, including the Van Buren portion of the Village of Baldwinsville. I am committed to serving my constituents and encourage you to contact my office if you have any questions about State Government Agencies, or concerns about community matters. My office is available to assist you with these concerns.



Save the Date

Paper Shredding Event
NYS Fairgrounds
Saturday, September 10

Registration required at:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/William-B-Magnarelli>

Save the Date

Electronics Recycling Event
NYS Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 29

Registration required at:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/William-B-Magnarelli>



Legislation for Our Communities

When in Albany, I sponsor legislation that will aid our communities, strengthen our local cultural institutions, and help those in need. The legislation is carefully researched and worded so that it is as clear as possible and addresses the issue at hand. To become law, the legislation has to be approved by both the Assembly and the State Senate before being presented to and hopefully signed by the Governor. Below are pieces of legislation I sponsored in the 2022-2023 session that will strengthen our communities.



Tickets for Illegally Parking in Disabled Spots

Bill Number: A.9805

What It Does:

Amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to close a loophole which prevented law enforcement from ticketing those illegally parked in disabled spots at big box shopping.

Why It's Important:

Current law, enacted in 1981, requires shopping centers and facilities with more than 5 separate stores and at least 20 off-street parking spaces to designate 5 percent or 10 spaces (whichever is less) as accessible parking spaces. Law enforcement could enter the property to enforce against illegal parking in accessible spaces. However, the 1981 law did not consider the development of large retail ("big box") establishments with less than five stores in the plaza creating a loophole that discouraged police from enforcing against illegal parking at these locations. The bill would ensure that those who illegally park in disabled spots at these establishments can get ticketed and towed if needed.

Legislation:

Passed the Assembly and Senate and signed into law by Governor Hochul.

Tenant Dignity and Safe Harbor Act

Bill Number: A.354-B

What It Does:

Gives tenants the right to bring actions against landlords in city, district, and/or justice court for habitability and housing code violations. The bill allows a tenant to bring a simple summary action in local courts to compel a landlord to fix code violations, remedy unsanitary conditions, and/or make necessary repairs. It will allow them to do so without fear of retaliatory eviction.

Why It's Important:

Tenants will be able to make these claims using a simple form with or without the assistance of an attorney, and the bill gives the court broad discretion to fashion relief. Additionally, it requires the court to notify local housing agencies about potential code violations. Without this bill, a tenant cannot proactively take action to enforce their right to a habitable premise.

Legislation:

The bill passed the Assembly and Senate and now awaits Governor's signature.

New York State Assembly Passes Legislation to Create Commemorative Medals for Korean & Vietnam War Veterans

Bill Number: A.357-A and A.1310-B

What it Does:

Creates commemorative medals for Vietnam and Korean War veterans. The New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal (A.357-A) would be available to military veterans who served in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or in the contiguous waters or air space during November 1, 1952, through May 7, 1975. The New York State Korean War Commemorative Medal (A.1310-B) would be available to military veterans who served on the Korean peninsula, its contiguous waters, or its airspace in the Korean War during June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955.

Why it's important:

Our veterans deserve recognition for their courageous service and sacrifice. In many cases, their reception upon return home was muted, insufficient, and in some unfortunate cases, outright hostile. They deserve proper respect and recognition of their honorable service. The New York State commemorative medals would offer a form of recognition and appreciation to those who served in these wars.

Legislation:

Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaits Governor's approval.



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Work Zone Speed Camera Pilot Program

Bill Number: A.485-B

What it Does:

Authorizes the NYS Department of Transportation to install up to 20 cameras and the NYS Thruway Authority to install 10 cameras to combat speeding in work zones. Tickets would be issued for going 10 mph or higher over the posted limit, and motorists would be given a 30-day warning period before fines are issued.

Why it's important:

The men and women who work on our roadways deserve to be safe.

Legislation:

Passed the Assembly and Senate, signed into law in September 2021.



Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Police Force

Bill Number: A.9819-A

What It Does:

Authorizes Syracuse's Regional Airport Authority to establish its own uniformed police department, which would have the power to use force and arrest people on airport property. This would replace Syracuse police officers who have been patrolling the airport for decades for overtime.

Why it's important:

It would allow the airport to have a full-time police force and avoid schedule conflicts and staffing level concerns.

Legislation:

It passed the Assembly and Senate and signed into law by Governor Hochul.

Green Lights for Mobile Crisis Vehicles

Bill Number: A.9511-B

What it does:

Allow vehicles of members of a mobile crisis team to display green lights when engaged in an emergency operation.

Why it's important:

Time is of the essence when responding to emergencies. New York State is preparing to implement more crisis centers with trained mobile crisis response staff members to respond to various mental, emotional, physical, and behavioral distress calls in order to prevent critical incidents. Green lights are effective tools used by some emergency personnel to alert drivers to pull over to allow for responders to pass en route to emergency calls.

Legislation:

Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaits Governor's approval.

Registration System for Contractors in Public Works Legislation Passes Assembly and Senate

Bill Number: A.1338-C

What it does:

Creates a registration system for contractors that wish to bid on contracts for public work.

Why it's important:

This registration system creates proper oversight on taxpayer-funded construction projects and increases contractor accountability and compliance. It ensures that contractors do not have previous labor law or safety violations and will abide by New York labor laws and regulations, including prevailing wage requirements. Similar systems are used in New Jersey and California.

Legislation:

Passed the Assembly and Senate, awaits the Governor's approval.

Supporting Our Community



Central New York is a wonderfully unique area where I have lived my entire life. I am especially proud, in my role as representative of the 129th Assembly District, to be able to support some of the important social and cultural establishments in our community which make the area a wonderful place to live. Over the last several years, I was able to help in capital improvements by providing significant funding for:

- **Museum of Science and Technology (MOST)** – more than \$600,000;
- **Landmark Theatre** – more than \$2 million;
- **Everson Museum** – more than \$1.5 million;
- **Onondaga Historical Association** – more than \$3 million;
- **Syracuse City Parks** – more than \$250,000.

Bail Reform Revisions 2022

The premise of Bail Reform was to remove financial status as a discriminating factor in whether an individual would languish in jail awaiting arraignment or be released. Being poor shouldn't be the reason a person arrested sits in a jail cell – which often leads to loss of income or employment and removal from family situations – until further court proceedings, while a person with money arrested on the same charges can avoid those situations by having the means to pay bail.

Bail reform never affected the ability for the courts to remand a person charged with violent crimes to jail until arraignment.

Since it passed in 2020, bail reform has had two revisions to better address the problems it was meant to solve.



2022 revisions to Bail Reform

- Repeat burglaries and other crimes involving commercial property can now result in bail. (Burglaries from inside a residence have been bail-eligible since 2021 revisions.)
- If ticketed, even before arraignment, further arrests will count as a repeat offense and can be subject to bail, even if the second arrest is for a crime that otherwise would not be bail-eligible. This change is to prohibit recidivism.
- Bail can be set for charges of criminal sale of a firearm to a minor or criminal possession of a defaced firearm. Previously, gun crimes were only bail-eligible if used in a violent situation.
- Increased judicial discretion in bail-eligible cases if there's a history of gun use or possession and previous violations of orders of protection. Previously, it was considered only in domestic violence situations.

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Working for You

CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

Saturday, November 5, 2022

NYS Fairgrounds

Parade at noon • Expo 9 am – 2 pm

Together we can
Thank Our Troops!

For more information, email
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