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Honorable Sheldon Silver Speaker of the Assembly Room 932, Legislative Office Building Albany, New York 12248

#### Re: Annual Report of the Committee on Codes - 2010

Dear Speaker Silver:

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the Committee on Codes, I submit to you the committee's 2010 Annual Report highlighting its activities during the last half of the 2009 – 2010 Legislative Session.

Among the committee's many notable accomplishments were expanding our protection of abandoned infants and the disabled, and further protecting the most vulnerable elements of our society – our children – from the threats posed by sex offenders. We also created new crimes specifically targeting perpetrators of domestic violence who throttle or strangle their victims thereby giving prosecutors the tools to help stem the scourge of domestic violence. We also enacted laws that protect pedestrians and drivers from the dangers posed by those who misuse their privilege to drive.

I am also particularly proud of the creation of an independent Office of Indigent Legal Services in the enacted SFY 2010-11 budget. This new office and its governing board put New York State on a firm footing in fulfilling its constitutional mandate to provide a quality legal defense to those who are unable to afford one.

There were numerous other legislative accomplishments of which the Committee and the Assembly can be justly proud that are set forth in this report.

The Committee extends its appreciation to you for your support. In addition, I would like to thank the committee members and staff for their hard work during the 2010 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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Joseph R. Lentol, Chairman Standing Committee on Codes

#### **2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# I. <u>COMMITTEE JURISDICTION</u>

The New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Codes considers issues and legislation regarding the State's criminal and civil justice system. Most of the legislation considered by the members of the Codes Committee amends the Criminal Procedure Law, the Penal Law, the Civil Practice Law and Rules as well as selected articles of the Executive Law.

In addition, the Committee's "dual reference authority, pursuant to Rule IV § 6 (i) of the Rules of the Assembly of the State of New York, places within its jurisdiction legislation initiated in any of the other Assembly standing committees which imposes or changes any fine, term of imprisonment, forfeiture of rights or property, or other penal sanction as well as legislation related to the procedure by which such fine, term of imprisonment, forfeiture or changed or changed."

#### II. <u>SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION MOVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON</u> <u>CODES AND ENACTED IN 2010<sup>1</sup></u>

#### A. <u>Protecting Our Children</u>

**1. Family Day Care** Modifies the staff to child ratio permitted in group family day care homes. The bill also authorizes the Office of Children and Family Services to impose a penalty on providers who commit serious offenses, whether or not the provider subsequently rectifies the violation. The measure also allows a license to remain valid for four years, rather than two years for childcare providers who are in compliance with state regulations. (A.8827-A / S.3895-B; Chapter 117; Children and Families)

**2. Protection of Abandoned Infants** Amends the Abandoned Infant Protection Act by removing criminal liability when a parent or guardian leaves a child with an appropriate person or in a suitable location. The measure also increases the age at which a parent or guardian can legally and safely surrender an infant from five days to no more than 30 days old. (A.11111 / S.2950-D; Chapter 447)

#### B. Drug Law Reform

**1. Clarify Sentences Under Drug Law Reform Act** Clarifies the availability of a sentence of parole supervision under the Drug Law Reform Act enacted in 2009. (<u>A.11051</u> / S.2405; Chapter 121)

### C. Protecting Against Sex Offenders

**1. Protect Victims of Child Sex Offenses** Mandates that a person is guilty of criminal trespass in the second degree when an individual, who is required to register as a sex offender, enters or remains in a school knowing that the victim of his or her offense attends or formerly attended that school. (A.2257-B / S.1606-B; Chapter 315)

**2. Housing Authority Notice** Notifies municipal housing authorities whenever certain sex offenders are living in public housing. (<u>A.3024-F</u> / S.2490-E; Chapter 278; Correction)

**3. Expand Definition of Sexual Contact** Expands the definition of sexual contact to cover other conduct of an illegal, sexual nature. (<u>A.9938-A</u> / S.7702-A; Chapter 193)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Except where noted, legislation cited in this discussion originated in the Committee on Codes. Where such legislation did not so originate, but was dual referenced into the Committee on Codes from another committee and the Codes Committee had substantial impact on such legislation, then the original committee of reference will appear with the bill number. All chapter numbers are to chapters of the Laws of 2010.

#### D. Fighting Domestic Violence

#### **1.** Authorize Registration Records of Domestic Violence Victims to be Kept Confidential Allows a victim of domestic violence to seek a court order directing that his or her voter registration records be kept confidential. (<u>A.9368-A</u> / S.5945-A; Chapter 73; Elections)

**2. Strangulation and Related Offenses** Defines new crimes that include obstruction of breathing and strangulation under the Penal Law and makes conforming changes throughout the laws to afford protections for victims of such offenses. (<u>A.10161-A</u> / S.6987-A; Chapter 405)

### E. Protecting Crime Victims

**1. Provides Victims of Hate Crimes with Recourse in Court** Establishes a civil penalty and liability for civil damages for bias-related "hate crimes." (<u>A.529</u> / S.5923; Chapter 227; Governmental Operations)

**2. Protect Nurses from Violence** Increases the penalties for assaulting nursing professionals while in the performance of their duties. (<u>A.3103-A</u> / S.401-A; Chapter 318)

**3. Extend Orders of Protection** Permits a court to extend an order of protection for a reasonable time for a good cause shown or on consent. (<u>A.6195-A</u> / S.2972-A; Chapter 325; Judiciary)

**4. Help Victims of Human Trafficking Reenter Society** Permits motions to vacate a conviction for prostitution when the individual is a victim of sex trafficking. (A.7670 / S.4429; Chapter 332)

**5. Protect Sanitation Enforcement Agents from Violence** Increases the penalties for assaulting sanitation enforcement agents while performing their duties. (<u>A.9186-B</u> / S. 6079-B; Chapter 345)

**6. Expands Sentencing for Hate Crime Defendants** Establishes greater sentencing alternatives for defendants convicted of hate crimes. (<u>A.9220-A</u> / S.7575; Chapter 158)

**7. Protect Disabled Persons from Violence** Creates felony offenses for endangering the welfare of physically disabled or incompetent individuals thereby providing greater protection for them. (<u>A.9534</u> / S.6728; Chapter 14)

**8. Abuse-Reporting Hotline** Requires the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to establish a toll free hotline to receive allegations of abuse or mistreatment of persons served by programs licensed or operated under the Mental Hygiene Law. (<u>A.9825-A</u> / S.6772-A; Chapter 192; Mental Health)

**9. Ease Transmission of Orders of Protection to Law Enforcement** Allows for greater protection for victims, by allowing for a simplified electronic means of sending orders of protection to the police. (<u>A.10410</u> / S.7289; Chapter 261; Judiciary)

#### F. Police and Community Relations Package

**1. Bar Police Officer Ticket Quotas** Prohibits employers of police officers from taking adverse employment actions against employees solely because such employee failed to meet tickets, summons or arrest quotas. (A.6729-A / S.2956-A; Chapter 460; Labor)

**2. Protect Privacy of Innocent Individuals** Prohibits in New York City the electronic recording of personal identifying information of a person who law enforcement officials have stopped, questioned or frisked when no further legal action has been taken against the individual. (A.11177-A / S.7945-A; Chapter 176)

#### G. Rehabilitation of Prisoners

**1. Inmate Credit Eligibility** Expands the eligibility for limited credit time allowance for inmates by adding four new advanced skill programs to the list of programs that allow an inmate to be eligible for credit time. (A.10611 / S.7864; Chapter 412; Correction)

### H. Protecting Workers

**1. Domestic Workers Bill of Rights** Provides basic and necessary rights to domestic workers who have historically been excluded from the protections of the Labor Law. Under the bill, such workers would receive one day of rest each week and be paid overtime. The legislation also would provide disability coverage and protections from discrimination and sexual harassment. In addition, the measure would require domestic workers to receive three personal days per year once they have worked with the same employer for one year. (A.1470-B / S.2311-E; Chapter 481; Labor)

**2. New York State Construction Industry Fair Play Act** Enacts the New York State Construction Industry Fair Play Act to protect construction workers from being misclassified as independent contractors instead of employees. This bill would ensure that employees receive the benefits to which they are entitled while providing consistent standards to employers. (<u>A.8237-D</u> / S.5847-F; Chapter 418; Labor)

**3. Prevailing Wage for Service Workers** Requires the payment of prevailing wages to service workers employed by public utility companies and third parties that provide service work for public agencies. The bill also would increase penalties to employers for violations of the law's wage and record keeping requirements involving employees performing service work and subject to the prevailing wage. (<u>A.10257-</u>D / S.8397-A; Passed both houses; Labor)

**4. Wage Theft Prevention Act** Establishes the Wage Theft Prevention Act to protect workers from wage and hour abuses. The bill would increase penalties for wage underpayments and for the failure of an employer to notify his or her employees of their wage rates and other rights. In addition, this bill would provide anti-retaliatory protections to workers and increased enforcement tools for the Department of Labor. (<u>A.11726</u> / S.8380; Delivered to Governor; Labor)

### I. Promoting Driver Safety

**1. "Ambrose-Searles Move Over Act"** Requires drivers to exercise due care when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle displaying its emergency lights while parked, stopped or standing upon a roadway. The bill also would require motorists to change lanes away from the emergency vehicle when it is safe and legal to do so. (A.5292-B / S.4647-B; Chapter 387; Transportation)

**2. Access Aisle Markings** Requires access aisles of parking spaces accessible to persons with disabilities to be marked with a sign and diagonal stripes. (A.7848 / S.6120; Chapter 207; Transportation)

**3. Drivers to Exercise Due Care** Increases the penalties on motor vehicle operators who fail to exercise due care and cause a collision with a pedestrian or bicyclist which results in physical injury. (A.7917-D / S.5292-C; Chapter 333; Transportation)

**4. Weight Exemption for Idling Reduction Devices** Excludes up to 400 pounds from the calculation of weight for trucks equipped with an approved auxiliary power unit (APU) to reduce idling emissions. (<u>A.8300-A</u> / S.5722-A; Chapter 434; Transportation)

**5. DWI Evidence** Expands the lists of persons who at the request of a police officer are statutorily authorized to take blood samples, and to supervise and direct the taking of blood samples from persons alleged to have been driving while intoxicated or while ability impaired. (<u>A.8601-B</u> / S.46-B; Chapter 169; Transportation)

**6. Illegal Parking of Commercial Motor Vehicles** Increases fines for the parking of tractor-trailers, tractors, truck trailers and semi-trailers overnight on New York City residential streets. (<u>A.8804-B</u> / S.1861-D; Chapter 458; Transportation)

**7. "Elle's Law" Increasing Penalties for Unsafe Drivers** Increases penalties for individuals who violate traffic laws that cause serious physical injury to others. The bill addresses the reckless operation of a motor vehicle as was the case in 2009 when three year old Elle Vandenberghe of Manhattan suffered severe brain damage after she was hit by a motorist driving in reverse while in pursuit of a parking space. (A.10617-A / S.7485-A; Chapter 409)

**8. Safe Passing of Bicycles** Requires drivers that are overtaking a bicycle from behind to pass at a safe distance to the left of the bicyclist until their vehicle has safely cleared the bicycle. (<u>A.10993</u> / S.7897; Chapter 413; Transportation)

**9. Protecting Young Drivers** Clarifies that all drivers holding junior permits and junior licenses are restricted to one non-family passenger. The bill also makes clear that the statutory requirement for 50 hours of behind the wheel practice also applies to junior drivers taking driver's education classes. (A.11157 / S.7439; Chapter 215; Transportation)

#### J. Making Civil Justice System Fairer

**1. Payment of Counsel Fees in Matrimonial Actions** Mandates the "moneyed spouse" in a matrimonial action to pay all counsel and expert fees and requires the parties to submit financial information to the court. (<u>A.7569-A</u> / S.4532-A; Chapter 329; Judiciary)

**2. Uniform Application of Temporary Maintenance in Divorce** Creates a system where interim maintenance awards are determined in a predictable manner and directs the Law Revision Commission to review the economic effects of divorce along with current maintenance laws and recommend changes to the legislature. (<u>A.10984-B</u> / S.8390; Chapter 371; Judiciary)

### K. Health and Safety

**1. Unlawful Possession of Human Body Organs** Increases the penalty from a misdemeanor to a Class E felony for purchasing or receiving a dead human body or body part except for the purpose of burial. The bill also would require that before any organs or body parts can legally be harvested, written permission must be provided by the donor prior to their passing. (A.432-B / S.2087-B; Chapter 382; Health)

**2. BPA** Bans the manufacture, sale and distribution of children's products that contain bisphenol A (BPA), including unfilled beverage containers, pacifiers, baby bottles and liners, cups, straws and lids beginning December 1, 2010. (<u>A.6919-D</u> / S.3296-H; Chapter 280; Environmental Conservation)

**3. Family Health Care Decisions Act** Creates the "Family Health Care Decisions Act" to establish procedures for family members, surrogates and others to act on behalf of patients who are unable to make health-care decisions about their treatment for themselves. (A.7729-D / S.3164-B; Chapter 8; Health)

**4. Substance Abuse** Allows licensed dentists and pharmacists to temporarily surrender their professional licenses while receiving treatment for alcohol or drug abuse. Under the bill, the temporary surrender of these licenses would be permitted so long as no patient or client has been harmed. (<u>A.8301-C</u> / S.8372; Chapter 549; Higher Education)

**5. Protect Those Afflicted with Drug Addiction from Exposure to Diseases** Reinforces current law that protects individuals in state sponsored needle exchange programs from being unnecessarily targeted for prosecution. (<u>A.8396-A</u> / S.5620-A; Chapter 284) **6. Reducing Phosphorus Run Off in New York's Water Supplies** Prohibits the sale or distribution of any dishwasher soap product with a phosphorus compound that exceeds 0.5 percent by weight. In addition, this bill would permit the application of fertilizer that has a phosphate compound greater than .067 percent by weight on a lawn or non-agricultural turf only in certain circumstances. In addition, the bill also would prohibit pesticide applications on lawns and non-agricultural turf between December and April. (<u>A.8914-B</u> / S.3780; Chapter 205; Environmental Conservation)

**7. Information and Access to Breast Reconstructive Surgery** Requires hospitals providing mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy to provide patients with information concerning the option of reconstructive surgery, including the availability of insurance coverage for reconstructive surgery. (<u>A.10094-B</u> / S.6993-B; Chapter 354; Health)

**8. Slaughterhouse Licensing** Conforms the qualifications for obtaining a slaughterhouse license, and the conditions under which a license may be declined, suspended or revoked, to the qualifications and conditions applicable to licensed food processing establishments. (<u>A.10557</u> / S.7099; Chapter 211; Agriculture)

**9. Out-of-State Dumping** Requires the identification of practices most susceptible to threats from dumping out-of-state products. (<u>A.10872</u> / S.7656; Chapter 527; Agriculture)

**10. Newborn Infant Hearing Screening** Requires hospitals, clinics, and other practitioners who perform newborn hearing screenings to report the results to the Department of Health (DOH). For facilities that are not capable of conducting these hearing screenings before the infant is discharged, they would be required to inform the DOH that no test was performed, and the infant should be screened upon their discharge. Under the bill, access to the newborn hearing screening results would be available on the statewide immunization registry and statewide registry of lead levels in children. (A.11240 / S.7827; Chapter 220; Health)

**11. Consent for HIV Testing** Establishes HIV testing consent procedures with provisions that would authorize HIV related testing to be part of a signed general consent to medical care, allow for documented informed oral consent for rapid HIV testing, and mandate the offering of HIV testing by physicians to individuals aged 13 to 64 receiving health services.

The legislation also would require post-testing counseling and mandate follow-up medical care when test results indicate evidence of HIV infection. The measure would authorize HIV testing in situations involving occupational exposure under specific conditions. To improve the quality of medical care for individuals with HIV/AIDS, the Department of Health (DOH) would be authorized to utilize HIV testing information and share it with public health disease programs, within DOH or local health departments in order to assess co-morbidity or completeness of reporting. (A.11487 / S.8227; Chapter 308; Health)

#### L. Protecting Animals

**1. Animal Euthanasia** Adds duly incorporated humane societies to the list of places that may receive, release for adoption or humanely destroy certain abandoned animals and authorizes certified euthanasia technicians to perform certain veterinary medicine practices without a license. (<u>A.11178-A</u> / S.7955-A; Chapter 449: Agriculture)

#### M. Protecting Consumers

**1. Attorney Fees for Homeowners in Foreclosure Cases** Allows homeowners who prevail in foreclosure proceedings the right to seek reimbursement from their lending company for attorney fees. (<u>A.1239-B</u> / S.2614-B; Chapter 550; Banks)

**2. Larceny of ATMs** Creates new crimes of larceny when ATM machines or their operation are tampered with. The bill aims to provide greater protections for customers and ATM banking equipment. (A.1431-B / S.5536-A; Chapter 464)

**3. Energy Service Contract Protections** Provides important consumer safeguards related to the marketing and offering of contracts for energy services to residential customers. (<u>A.1558-C</u> / S.2361-C; Chapter 416; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**4. Rent to Own Law** Makes significant changes to the Rent-to-Own Law (Article 11 of the Personal Property Law), including the establishment of well-defined price controls. It also requires rent-to-own merchants to provide consumers with enhanced contract disclosures. (A.3083-E / S.557-C; Chapter 309; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**5. Nail Salon Protective Masks and Gloves** Requires all owners of appearance enhancement businesses to provide protective gloves and masks, upon request, to their employees. (A.7078-A / S.8096; Chapter 489; Economic Development)

6. Utility Service Call Centers in New York State Requires gas and electric utility companies to provide ratepayers with service assistance centers that are located within New York State, the utility's service territory and geographic service area. (<u>A.7593-B</u> / S.4208-B; Chapter 330; Corporations)

**7. New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act** Establishes prudent oversight and flexibility for charitable endowments. (<u>A.7907-D</u> / S.4778-C; Chapter 490; Corporations)

**8. Telemarketer Disclosure** Mandates telemarketers provide consumers with the identity of the telemarketer and seller, the purpose of the call, and the identity and cost of the goods or services being offered. The bill also clarifies that prerecorded telephone messages and any message delivered to a consumer's voicemail are considered calls that are subject to the Do-Not-Call Law. (A.8839; Chapter 344; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**9. Baby Crib Safety Protections** Prohibits any person or business from importing, manufacturing or selling a baby crib that does not meet the standards established by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Society for Testing and Materials. (<u>A.9223-C</u> / S.6356-B; Chapter 245; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

#### **10.** Pay off Deadline Set for Car Dealers on Trade-in-Vehicles with Balances

Requires automobile dealers who take a vehicle in trade and who agree to pay off the balance owed on said vehicle, to pay off said balance within 21 days. Under the bill, dealers would be prohibited from selling or transferring any ownership interest in the vehicle until the balance has been paid off. (A.10000-A / S.7300-A; Chapter 254; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**11. Donated Clothing Collection** Requires organizations that place a clothing donation bin in a public space to affix to it a label that clearly and conspicuously displays the name, address, and telephone number of the organization. The bill also requires that the label disclose whether the items placed in the container will be used for charitable purposes or for profit. (<u>A.10766-A</u> / S.7558; Chapter 264; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**12. Rebate Disclosure** Requires merchants that offer rebates to disclose whether the rebate will be issued in any form other than cash or a check. Under the bill, Merchants also would be required to disclose the additional fees that will be charged to consumers, whether or not they use the rebate offer. (A.11007-A / S.7609-A; Chapter 269; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**13. Extends Arts and Cultural Affairs Law (ACAL)/ Protection Against Ticket Ripoffs** Extends ACAL until May 15, 2011 to ensure that consumers remain protected from unscrupulous ticket sales practices for admission to theatrical and sporting events. The bill includes such consumer safeguards as a ban on the resale of tickets within 1,500 feet of an entertainment venue as well as a prohibition on the use of automated computer software programs designed to make bulk ticket purchases. (<u>A.11536-A</u> / S.8340-A; Chapter 151; Tourism, Arts and Sports Development)

#### N. Defendant Rights

**1. Ensure Defendants Can Contact Attorney or Family Upon Arrest** Entitles defendants charged with an offense to telephone any number located in the United States, its territories and outlying areas for the purpose of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend. The bill also would provide protection against any misuse of this entitlement. (<u>A.8530-E</u> / S.5688-D; Chapter 94)

#### O. Protecting Our Students

**1. Dignity For All Students Act** Requires that school districts have policies and guidelines aimed at prohibiting discrimination and harassment on school grounds or at any school function. (<u>A.3661-C</u> / S.1987-B; Chapter 482; Education)

#### P. Expand Government Accountability

**1. Bans Private Business on State Property** Prohibits public officers from using state property to conduct private business. Under the bill, violators could be charged with a Class E felony and face a prison sentence of up to seven years. (<u>A.9559</u> / S.6439; Chapter 1; Governmental Operations)

**2. State Agency Vendor Contact Disclosure** Reauthorizes and reforms the state's procurement lobbying restrictions with provisions that include clarifying agency responsibilities for open and transparent contacts with vendors during restricted contact periods. (A.9949-A / S.6924-B; Chapter 4; Governmental Operations)

**3. Open Meeting Law Violations** Permits courts to invalidate proceedings of a public body, in whole or in part, which were conducted in violation of the Open Meetings Law and authorizes a court to mandate training for a body that violates the law. (A.10196 / S.7054; Chapter 44; Governmental Operations)

#### Q. Miscellaneous Legislation

**1. Execution of Bench Warrants** Authorizes court security officers throughout the state to execute bench warrants. (A.602 / S.6724; Chapter 10)

**2. Public Non-Disclosure Agreements** Prohibits public authorities from requiring an employee to agree to a non-disclosure contract as a condition of employment. By banning such contracts, the bill aims to promote openness and transparency and public scrutiny of the state's public authorities. (A.4296-C/S.5915-A; Chapter 39; Corporations)

**3. Update Peace Officer Training** Establishes greater state oversight and updates peace officer training across the state. (A.7957-A / S.6102-A; Chapter 491)

**4. Increase Judicial Efficiency** Waives the requirement for certain misdemeanor charges for which a probation report must be prepared when the court and the parties agree to a sentence of 180 days or less. Under the bill, a probation report would still be provided if requested by the court or one of the involved parties. (<u>A.7961</u> / S.5963; Chapter 179)

**5. Increased Penalties** Increases the fines for violating the racing, pari-mutuel and breeding law from \$5,000 to \$25,000. (<u>A.8181</u> / S.3023; Chapter 240; Racing and Wagering)

**6. OTB Corporation-Authority to Impose Fines** Authorizes the Racing and Wagering Board to impose fines on Off Track Betting corporations or other persons or corporations participating in off-track betting. (<u>A.8182</u> / S. 3021; Chapter 241; Racing and Wagering

**7. Cost-Sharing of Prescription Drugs** Prohibits health plans from establishing specialty tiers within their prescription drug payment formulas that discriminate against the sick. (<u>A.8278-B</u> / S.5000-B; Chapter 536; Insurance)

**8. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to Underage Persons** Requires employees of individuals who are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to attend an alcohol training awareness program when there are allegations of the sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 21 or to any visibly intoxicated person. Under the bill, all employees must complete the program within 90 days of the finding before the civil fine would be reduced by 25 percent. (A.8645-B / S. 5803-B; Chapter 435; Economic Development)

9. Alcoholic Beverage Liquidator's Permits and Temporary Retail Permits

Requires that the State Liquor Authority include in their annual report to the legislature information about the number of licenses applied for and the length of time it took for their approval or denial. It also would provide a temporary permit system for new on-premises locations. In addition, the measure would ban a delinquent owner from selling or transferring stock upon liquidation. (A.9227-B / S.6231-C; Chapter 396; Economic Development)

**10. Agent Orange Extender** Extends the statute of limitations for lawsuits relating to exposure to phenoxy herbicide (Agent Orange) by armed forces personnel who served in Indo-China from December 22, 1961, through May 7, 1975. (<u>A.9737</u> / S.7021; Chapter 118; Veterans' Affairs)

**11. Beer /Malt Beverage Tasting Permits** Clarifies the legislative intent in the enactment of an earlier bill which gave brewers and beer distributors the authority to apply for an annual tasting permit in addition to daily permits. (<u>A.9923</u> / S.6816-B; Chapter 292; Economic Development)

**12. Brewer Licensing** Allows a brewer to rent space and equipment to a tenant brewer, provided that the tenant brewer has applied for and been granted a license by the State Liquor Authority. (A.10031 / S.6970; Chapter 471; Economic Development)

**13. Real Estate Agency Disclosure Form** Permits real estate brokers to utilize dual agency for cooperative apartments and condominiums and permit buyers and sellers to provide advanced consent to dual agency. (<u>A.10443-B</u> / S.7672-A; Chapter 443; Judiciary)

**14. Means of Payment** Adds electronic fund transfers to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law list of acceptable means of payment to a wholesaler or manufacturer. (A.10569 / S.7314; Chapter 298; Economic Development)

**15. New York State Fairgrounds Wine Sale and Consumption** Permits the holder of a temporary wine and beer permit to sell wine for consumption on the state fairgrounds so long as a concessionaires license has been obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Markets. The measure requires that the wine be sold in 10 ounce servings or less. (A.10673-A / S. 7480-A; Chapter 408; Economic Development)

**16. Streamlined Process for Paper Ballots** Enacts certain provisions that are required by federal law to increase the opportunity for military and special federal voters to cast their votes within a timeframe that ensures those votes will be counted. The measure also would streamline the absentee ballot application in order to eliminate extraneous information that is not required by the New York State Constitution. (<u>A.10681-B</u> / S.7466-B; Chapter 104; Elections)

**17. Cremated Remains of Veterans** Provides funeral directors, undertakers, and funeral firms in possession of cremated remains for more than 120 days a method of determining if such remains are those of a veteran and how they may be disposed of, with the help of veterans' service organizations. (<u>A.10754-A</u> / S.7562-B; Chapter 44; Veterans' Affairs)

**18. Liquor License Revocation** Requires the revocation of a liquor license upon the sixth violation of local ordinances for noise, community disturbance or disorderly conduct that is related to the operation of the licensed premises. (<u>A.10857-A</u> / S.7378-A; Chapter 364; Economic Development)

**19. Energy Efficiency Standards** Establishes energy efficiency standards for portable light fixtures, bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, portable electric spas, and residential pool pumps. (<u>A.10881</u> / S.8070; Chapter 222; Energy)

**20. No-Fault Coverage for Emergency Treatment** Mandates that no-fault insurers provide necessary emergency medical coverage to policyholders who were injured as a result of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. (<u>A.11116</u> / S.7845; Chapter 303; Insurance)

**21. Protect Religious Property** Expands the definition of theft of property to include outdoor religious displays, making such crimes a class "E" felony punishable by up to four years in prison. (<u>A.11485</u> / S.8175; Chapter 479)

**22. MWBE Procurement Goals Established** Reforms Executive Law Article 15-A's provisions regarding minority women owned business enterprises in state purchasing. The bill would create meaningful statistical goals for such purchasing. It also would establish greater accountability for state agencies who fail to meet such goals. (A.11527 / S.8314; Chapter 175; Governmental Operations)

#### III. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION MOVED BY THE</u> <u>COMMITTEE ON CODES IN 2010 THAT ONLY THE ASSEMBLY</u> <u>PASSED<sup>2</sup></u>

#### A. Protecting Children, the Vulnerable, the Elderly and Victims of Hate

**1. Strengthening Anti-Discrimination Laws** Permits the recovery of attorney and expert witness fees in court cases where discrimination is proven. (<u>A.8184</u>; Passed Assembly / S.3884; Judiciary)

### B. Protecting the Public Against Sex Offenders

**1. Sex Offender Signed Verification** Establishes procedures in the event a sex offender fails to mail a signed verification within 20 calendar days of receiving the document from the Division of Criminal Justice Services. (A.841; Passed Assembly / S.2604; Correction)

**2. Increased Penalties for Sexual Contact with Minors** Establishes that sexual contact with a person under the age of 13 by a person 21 years of age or older is a crime of sexual abuse in the first degree. (A.1067-A; Passed Assembly)

**3. Community Notice** Permits law enforcement officers to notify communities about the exact address of certain sex offenders who move into their neighborhood. (<u>A.10974;</u> Passed Assembly / S.8136; Correction)

### C. Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

**1. Guns in Domestic Violence Cases** Requires judges, in domestic violence cases pending in criminal or family court, to ask the involved parties whether they own a gun. The measure aims to prevent additional crimes of violence. (<u>A.4320-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.1647-A)

**2. Domestic Violence Damage Recovery** Permits victims to recover non-economic and economic damages from those found liable for committing acts of domestic violence as well as from those government agencies that fail to enforce orders of protection. (A.5516; Passed Assembly / S.4452)

**3. Protecting Domestic Violence Victims from Firearms** Bans domestic violence perpetrators from legally possessing firearms. (<u>A.7575-A</u>; Passed Assembly)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Except where noted, legislation cited in this discussion originated in the Committee on Codes. Where such legislation did not so originate, but was dual referenced into the Committee on Codes from another committee and the Codes Committee had substantial impact on such legislation, then the original committee of reference will appear with the bill number.

**4. Order of Protections Expanded** Clarifies the law so that when an order of protection is issued in relation to a family offense, it expires at the time of sentencing and not at the time of conviction. (<u>A.8807-B</u>; Passed Assembly)

#### D. Fighting Gun Violence

**1. Microstamping Firearms** Mandates that manufacturers of semiautomatic pistols delivered to licensed firearms dealers in New York State be capable of microstamping each weapon. The legislation would ensure that when a gun is fired, the information identifying the make, model and serial number of the gun is stamped onto the cartridge as numbers and letters. (A.6468-C; Passed Assembly / S.6005-A)

**2. Revocation of Firearms Licenses of Some Individuals** Empowers courts to revoke firearms and licenses and seize weapons of individuals whom a judge has determined are incapacitated or are ordered for treatment at a mental health facility. (<u>A.7733-A;</u> Passed Assembly / S.5466)

#### E. Aiding and Protecting Crime Victims

**1. Ban Ethnic and Racial Profiling** Prohibits law enforcement officers from using racial profiling. The bill also would require police departments to collect and maintain records related to traffic stops and "stop and frisk" actions and regularly submit the information to the Division of Criminal Justice Services. The legislation also would permit victims of racial or ethnic profiling to seek recourse against those who use race and ethnicity as a basis for exercising their powers. (<u>A.1676-A</u>; Passed Assembly)

**2. Expand Eligibility for Crime Victims' Compensation to Domestic Partners** Expands the eligibility for crime victims' compensation to include domestic partners. The bill would allow people with long-term relationships who are not recognized by the law and whose loved one was a victim of a homicide to be eligible for compensation. The measure's definition of domestic partners would include elderly siblings or relatives sharing living quarters, unmarried adults living together in long-term committed relationships and parent-child relationships where adoption has never been formalized. (<u>A.4089;</u> Passed Assembly / S.1422-A; Governmental Operations)

**3. Provides Remedies to Victims of Fraud** Assists individuals who have been victimized by false financial claims, which can be devastating to a victim's credit. Under the bill, upon the conviction of an individual for filing a false financial statement, the court would be required to issue and file with the Secretary of State a certificate of the conviction. This certificate would identify the defendant and details of the case, thereby providing victims proof of the fraudulent financial statements that were filed against them and help them to repair the damage caused to their credit history. (A.10572; Passed Assembly)

#### F. Expanding the Use of DNA and Protecting the Innocent

**1. Parental Notification** Requires a police officer to immediately notify the parent or guardian of a youth upon the arrest of the youth or upon the issuance of an appearance ticket. (A.4616-A; Passed Assembly / S.2726-A; Children and Families)

**2. Innocence Commission Established, Protections for the Wrongfully Convicted** Strengthens and expands the use of DNA evidence to both convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent by establishing statewide standards for the preservation and cataloguing of DNA evidence. The bill also would set formal procedures for individuals who may be innocent to seek a comparison between the DNA evidence taken from the crime scene and their DNA profile.

The legislation also establishes the Integrity of the Criminal Justice System Commission to study the errors made in wrongful conviction cases and to make recommendations to prevent such breakdowns in the justice system from occurring again. In addition, to reduce wrongful convictions, the measure also mandates the videotaping of custodial interrogations conducted in police stations for felony cases. (A.6528; Passed Assembly / S.4668)

#### G. Protecting Animals

**1. Animal Abuse** Requires that individuals convicted of certain animal cruelty and animal fight offenses reimburse the organizations caring for these animals. (<u>A.9400</u>; Passed Assembly / S.3155; Agriculture)

**2. Pet Store Cats and Dogs** Increases the standards of care provided by licensed pet dealers to enhance the health and well-being of cats and dogs. (<u>A.10509-C</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7511-C; Agriculture)

### H. Protecting Consumers

**1. Protecting Consumers from Unscrupulous Contractors** Prohibits home improvement contractors from representing mortgage brokers in any form. The measure also prevents consumers from paying excessive interest rates on loans arranged with the contractors who perform the work. The bill provides protections to homeowners from the high pressure sales tactics used by contractors selling second mortgages. (A.170; Passed Assembly / S.5102; Banks)

**2. Discouraging Harassment of Tenants** Discourages landlords from filing frivolous primary residence eviction proceedings by allowing tenants to recover attorney fees and damages. (<u>A.473-B</u>; Passed Assembly; Cities)

**3. Protecting Disability Benefits** Bars persons and entities that provide disability benefits from imposing onerous or unreasonable conditions for the payment of such benefits. (<u>A.535-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.8201; Judiciary)

**4. Motor Fuel Marketing Practices Act** Creates the Motor Fuel Marketing Practices Act making it unlawful to change the price of any grade or quality of motor fuel more than once in 24 hours. (A.2323; Passed Assembly; Economic Development)

**5. Electrical Products Sold with Fraudulent Labeling** Prohibits the sale of electrical extension cords with fraudulent seals from the Underwriter's Laboratory. (<u>A.2326A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2682-A; Economic Development)

**6. Create Cause of Action for Improper Debt Collection** Permits a private right of action for improper debt collection procedures. (<u>A.3532-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2458-A; Judiciary)

**7. Licensing Debt Collectors** Requires third party debt collectors and debt buyers to obtain a license from the Department of State. (<u>A.3926-D</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7071-A; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**8. Sunscreen Effectiveness** Mandates sunscreen products to be labeled with "best if used before" dates and storage recommendations to ensure consumers are receiving maximum protection from the sun. (<u>A.6367</u>; Passed Assembly/ S.3463; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**9. Check Paying** Requires that banks make payments on checks in the order received. The bill also provides that if a check is dishonored because of insufficient funds, banks would still be required to honor the subsequent checks that follow if their amounts do not exceed the funds available in the individual's bank account. (<u>A.6685;</u> Passed Assembly / S.8146; Banks)

**10. Sale of Engine Coolant and Antifreeze** Requires that any engine coolant or antifreeze that contains 10 percent or more of the poisonous substance ethylene glycol must contain at least 30 parts per million of the nontoxic additive denatonium benzoate. (<u>A.7602-A</u>; Passed Assembly; Economic Development)

**11. Debt Collection** Requires creditors or debt collectors attempting to collect a debt owed by a deceased individual to notify the person from whom they are seeking payment that they are not legally obligated to pay the amount owed by the deceased. (<u>A.7889-B</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7205; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**12. Consumer Arbitration Case Disclosure** Requires private arbitration organizations involved in consumer arbitration cases to make information regarding the outcome of such cases available to the public on its website. (<u>A.7943-B</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7270-A; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**13. Public Assistance Reimbursement** Requires applicants for public assistance to be fully informed, verbally and in writing, that they may be liable to reimburse the state for benefits received. (<u>A.8873-A</u>; Passed Assembly; Social Services)

**14. Campground Contract Termination** Provides individuals who have a membership to a campground with the ability to cancel their contract under certain circumstances, including cases when the purchaser enters a nursing home or suffers a serious injury or illness. (A.11119-B; Passed Assembly; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

#### I. Protecting Workers

**1. Posting of Wage Rates** Requires the posting of a statement of wage rates and supplements on public work sites and increase the penalties for failure to post. This would allow workers and enforcement agencies to better determine whether they have been paid their statutorily required wages. (<u>A.215-B</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2904-B; Labor)

**2. Comparable Worth** Makes it a discriminatory practice for public employers to compensate employees of different genders differently for work that is of comparable worth. (A.1119; Passed Assembly / S.5480; Governmental Employees)

**3. Identity Theft** Prohibits the filing of unnecessary personal identifying information with a state entity that is not required by state or federal law. (<u>A.1819-A</u>; Passed Assembly; Governmental Operations)

**4. Equal Pay Rights** Makes unequal pay on the basis of gender an unlawful discriminatory practice under the state Human Rights Law. (<u>A.2351</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2968; Governmental Operations)

**5. New York State Fair Pay Act** Enacts the New York State Fair Pay Act. This bill would require equivalent pay for jobs which are similar but for which different job titles may be created for women or minorities in order for employers to pay those employees a lower wage relative to other titles with the same responsibilities and educational requirements. (A.3911; Passed Assembly; Labor)

**6. Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act** Protects transgendered people under the Human Rights Law by prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or expression. (<u>A.5710</u>; Passed Assembly; Governmental Operations)

#### J. Privacy Protection

**1. Notification of Electronic Monitoring** Requires employees to be notified when they are hired and once annually thereafter of any electronic monitoring which may occur on the job. (<u>A.3871-B</u>; Passed Assembly; Labor)

#### K. Protecting Public Health

**1. Smoking in Playgrounds Prohibited** Prohibits individuals from smoking in any playground between the hours of sunrise and sunset when a person under the age of 12 is present. (A.1137; Passed Assembly / S.5005; Health)

**2. Prescription Drug Discount Program** Establishes a Prescription Drug Assistance Program to manage consumer purchasing power by negotiating rebates with suppliers, which would then be applied to reduce prescription drug costs for participants (<u>A.2007-</u> <u>B</u>; Passed Assembly / S.121-A; Health) **3. Crack Down on Wetland Violators** Increases civil penalties for freshwater wetland violations from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and requires that violators restore wetlands and adjacent areas to their original condition. (<u>A.4807</u>; Passed Assembly / S.6145; Environmental Conservation

**4. Pesticide Ban** Phases out pesticide use by state agencies beginning January 1, 2011. (<u>A.5848-B;</u> Passed Assembly / S.4043-A; Environmental Conservation)

**5. Rechargeable Battery Recycling** Requires retailers to provide an in-store receptacle for the return of rechargeable batteries. Under the bill, manufacturers would be required to accept the batteries for recycling. (<u>A.6813-D</u> / S.3593-C; Delivered to Governor; Environmental Conservation)

**6. Statewide Ban on DecaBDe** Prohibits Decabdromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE) or Deca, a flame retardant, from being used in common consumer electronic devices, including television sets. In addition, the bill also would ban the manufacture of products that contain DecaBDE by July 1, 2012. (<u>A.7573-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.8181; Environmental Conservation)

**7. Encouraging Others to Notify Authorities of Drug Overdoses** Provides "good Samaritan" protection to someone who in "good faith" notifies health-care providers of a drug overdose. (<u>A.8147-A;</u> Passed Assembly / S.5191-A; Codes)

**8. Mercury Collection Plan** Requires thermostat manufacturers to establish a collection plan for out-of-service thermostats containing mercury. (<u>A.10160-B</u>; Passed Assembly; Environmental Conservation)

### L. Promoting Driver Safety

**1. Seat Belt Use in Rear Seats** Prohibits any person from riding in the rear seat of a motor vehicle unless they are properly restrained by a seat belt. (<u>A.225-A</u> / S.1169-B; Passed Assembly; Transportation)

**2. Safe Transport of Pre-School Aged Children** Requires persons transporting preschool aged children, teachers and other persons acting in a supervisory capacity to and from a pre-school or nursery school or school activities, to meet bus driver requirements under the Vehicle and Traffic Law, including mandatory medical examinations and criminal history background checks. (<u>A.762</u>; Passed Assembly; Transportation)

**3. Children in Front Seats** Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with a child under the age of eight riding as a passenger in the front seat. (<u>A.4181-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2238-A; Transportation)

**4. Texting While Driving** Allows for the primary enforcement of the law prohibiting the use of portable electronic devices, including texting, while operating a motor vehicle. Current law allows a summons to be issued for a violation if there is a reasonable cause to believe that the driver has committed a violation of another law as well. (A.10063; Passed Assembly / S.6992; Transportation)

**5. Pedestrian Safety Near Parking Garages** Requires parking garages to install pedestrian warning signs and devices if vehicles cross sidewalks when exiting garages. (<u>A.10968</u>; Passed Assembly/ S.3588; Transportation)

### M. Campaign Finance Reform

**14. Expand Campaign Finance Disclosure and Reporting** Prohibits candidates, political parties and committees from falsely identifying the source of political communications. This bill requires the full disclosure of political communication expenditures that are related to the support or opposition of a candidate or a ballot proposal. (A.11350; Passed Assembly / S.8081; Elections)

#### N. Miscellaneous Legislation

**1. Agricultural Alcohol** Authorizes certain licensees to sell low alcohol liquors, spirits, distillates, and other alcoholic beverages that contain not more than 24 percent alcohol and are derived from agricultural products. (A.711; Passed Assembly; Economic Development)

**2. Landlord Personal Use Restrictions** Limits a landlord's ability to recover an apartment for personal use to one unit per property, and prevents a landlord from recovering an apartment rented by a long-term tenant or senior (<u>A.1685-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2642-A; Housing)

**3. Keep Rents Affordable** Halts the trend of runaway rents in the City of New York by repealing vacancy decontrol laws that permit landlords to remove apartments from regulation by charging rents at or above \$2,000 per month. (<u>A.2005</u>; Passed Assembly / S.2237-A; Housing)

**4. Interest on Children's Claims** Eliminates an inequity in law wherein interest on a child's claims against others does not accrue during the time that an application for judicial approval of a settlement is before the court. (<u>A.2874</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7035; Judiciary)

**5. Participation Incentive for Continuing in Mitchell-Lama Program** Encourages housing companies to remain in the Mitchell-Lama program. The bill would allow investors to receive a greater return on their investment than is currently allowed by statute. (<u>A.2933;</u> Passed Assembly / S.3688; Housing)

**6. Increasing Access to ATMs** Requires ATMs to use both audio and visual communication systems to relay messages to customers to ensure all individuals have equal access to ATM services. (A.4766-A; Passed Assembly; Banks)

**7. Criminal Mischief Law Updated** Raises the threshold level of damage for committing the felony crime of criminal mischief in the third degree. (<u>A.5012;</u> Passed Assembly / S.4636)

**8. Increase Availability of Class Action Proceedings** Prohibits a court from denying class certification solely because the action involves governmental operations. (<u>A.5019;</u> Passed Assembly / S.5394)

**9. New York City Rent Increase Cap** Limits individual apartment rent increases in the City of New York to 1/84th of the cost of improvements made to the rental unit, up from the previous level of 1/40th. The bill also would establish an oversight and review process administered by tenants and the Division of Housing and Community Renewal. (<u>A.5316-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.5296/ Housing)

**10. Loft Protections** Establishes that a single tenant can bring a performance action against an owner. The bill corrects an oversight in current law, which only permits a performance action to be filed against a landlord when at least three tenants, occupying separate apartments, initiate the action, even in cases of buildings with fewer than three units. The bill also includes measures that would grant the Loft Board additional authority when issuing fines, and would ban building owners with rent regulated units, which were previously loft dwellings, from recovering the unit for their personal use or their family's occupancy. (A.6368; Passed Assembly / S.7364; Housing)

**11. Deregulation Disclosure** Requires the owner of a building in which a unit was deregulated to provide the facts related to that deregulation to a new tenant (<u>A.7598;</u> Passed Assembly / S.5851; Housing)

**12. Wine and Grape Industry** Allows the manufacture and sale of wine ice cream and other frozen desserts made with wine. (<u>A.9859-A</u>; Passed Assembly /S.6780-A; Agriculture)

**13. Family Court Adjournments in Contemplation of Dismissal (ACODs)** Clarifies when a family court may order an ACOD before and after the entry of a fact finding order. (A.11506; Passed Assembly / S.8235-A; Judiciary)

#### IV. ORIGINAL CODES BILLS AND BILLS DUAL REFERENCED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CODES THAT THE GOVERNOR VETOED<sup>3</sup>

**1. Identifying Technology Review** Establishes a task force to assess various privacy issues associated with the use of automatic identification technology. The task force would provide the legislature with a report of its findings and legislative recommendations. (<u>A.275-A</u> / S.7269; Veto 6771; Consumer Affairs and Protection)

**2. Violation of Registration** Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services to include information in the sex offender registry when a sex offender is in violation of registration requirements (<u>A.2108</u> / S.2923; Veto 6789; Correction)

**3. Failure to Register** Establishes that the number of days a sex offender fails to register or verify his or her status with the Division of Criminal Justice will be added to the time such person is mandated to register as a sex offender. (A.2132 / S.4743; Veto 6743; Correction)

**4. Custom Crush Wine Production** Authorizes farm winery licensees to offer custom crush wine production to allow customers to take part in the production of wine products they intend to purchase for personal or family use. The bill would also require that the owners of such wineries be present at all times during production. (<u>A.2322</u> / S.3602; Veto 6821; Economic Development)

**5. Office of the Child Advocate** Establishes an independent Office of the Child Advocate to oversee publicly funded juvenile justice programs. (<u>A.3233-B</u>/ S.6877; Veto 6819; Children and Families)

**6. Homicide Trial Transcript for Victim's Family** Requires a transcript of a murder trial to be furnished to the victim's family at no cost. (<u>A.3514-A</u> / S.7852; Veto 6749; Judiciary)

**7. Missing Person Alert System** Authorizes the Department of Criminal Justice to develop a system to find missing individuals age 18 or older who have a cognitive impairment, mental disability, or brain disorder. Under the bill, once local law enforcement personnel confirm a report of a missing vulnerable adult, the system would begin the distribution of the missing person's name, their description, and other pertinent information to broadcast media outlets and internet service and commercial mobile service providers. The information would be made available in a way that ensures the missing person's disabilities or vulnerabilities are not disclosed. (A.5220-B/S.2056-B; Veto 6751; Aging)

**8. Sale of New York State Wine at Festivals** Allows licensed wineries or farm wineries to sell wine for consumption on the premises of a food festival or similar event. The legislation would require these wineries to register for participating in the event and secure written permission from the municipality where the festival is being held. Under the bill, servings of wine must be dispensed in 10 ounce servings or less. (<u>A.8172-C</u> / S.5440-C; Veto 6711; Economic Development)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Veto Memo. Numbers refer to those issued in 2010.

**9. Bans Employment Discrimination Against Domestic Violence Victims** Prohibits employers from denying employment to individuals because they are victims of domestic violence. (<u>A.9018-A</u> / S.6000-A; Veto 6759; Governmental Operations)

**10. Prohibits Housing Discrimination Against Domestic Violence Victims** Protects individuals from losing or being denied housing because they are victims of domestic violence. (A.9020-A / S.5999; Veto 6760; Governmental Operations)

**11. Campaign Finance Reform and Ethics Oversight** Establishes an autonomous, fixed-term investigative body to oversee legislative ethics; requires greater disclosure from lobbyists; restores an independent lobbying commission; and provides greater information regarding legislators' outside sources of income. In addition, the measure creates a body within the New York State Board of Elections to enforce greater adherence to campaign finance laws. (A.9544 / S.6457; Veto 1; Governmental Operations)

**12. Protect For-Hire Vehicle Drivers from Violence** Imposes a range of stiffer penalties on those who assault for-hire vehicle drivers and would permit a warning sign of such penalties to be posted on delivery vehicles. (<u>A.10058-A</u> / S.7022-B; Veto 6808)

**13. Exempting Religious Organizations from Fireworks-Related Fees** Exempts qualified religious organizations from paying a permit fee to display fireworks for religious events. While the bill would exempt these fees, it still requires such organizations to secure permits. (<u>A.10300-A</u>; Passed Assembly / S.7448-A; Veto 6826)

**14. State-Funded Animal Shelters** Requires animal shelters that receive state funding to compile and make public annual reports on intake and disposition of animals. (<u>A.10715-A</u> /S.7612-A; Veto 6782; Agriculture)

**15. Safe Deposit Boxes** Requires banking organizations to provide notices of fees and charges to renters of safe deposit boxes. It also prohibits these organizations from imposing fees or charges on a lessee when an act of God, common disaster or emergency situation renders the lessee unable to access the safe deposit box. (A.10918 / S.8066; Veto 6784; Banks)

**16. Coordinate Resources for Use Against Gang Violence** Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services to deploy the state police to develop a coordinated law enforcement response to gang-related criminal activity. (<u>A.11087</u> / S.8308; Veto 6785)

**17. Interstate Compact for Juveniles** Enacts the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) which will govern the interstate management, monitoring, and supervision of juvenile delinquents and provide for the return of non-adjudicated juveniles who have run away from home to another state. This legislation also establishes the Council for Interstate Juveniles Supervision to oversee the state's interaction with the interstate commission and to provide the legislature with an annual report about the state's participation in the ICJ. (<u>A.11400-A</u> / S.8279; Veto 6737; Children and Families)

#### V. CODES COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION IN HEARINGS IN 2010

#### A. <u>Implementation and Funding of the Rockefeller Drug Law</u> <u>Reform Legislation</u>

At the time of publication of this report, the Correction, Codes, Judiciary, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committees have planned a public hearing for December 20, 2010, to examine the implementation and funding of Rockefeller Drug Law Reform by the courts and community-based programs. Specifically, the committees will take testimony concerning: (1) the availability, adequacy and distribution of funding for community-based residential and out-patient substance abuse treatment and case management services for drug offenders court-ordered into treatment as an alternative to incarceration; (2) how the judicial diversion program authorized as part of the Rockefeller Drug Law reform legislation has been implemented by the courts; and (3) the role and funding of alternative to incarceration and defender-based programs in the implementation of the Rockefeller Drug Law reforms.

As part of the SFY 2009-10 New York State budget, the legislature enacted significant reforms of the "Rockefeller Drug Laws." The reforms enacted in the budget significantly increased judicial discretion - authorizing judges to sentence many non-violent drug offenders to probation as a possible alternative to state prison. The legislation also created a statutorily defined, uniform judicial diversion program, expanded the availability of drug treatment courts and allowed certain non-violent drug offenders serving long terms of incarceration under the old drug laws to apply to the courts for possible resentencing.

Returning discretion to judges to sentence drug offenders to treatment as a potential alternative to prison has increased the need for community-based substance abuse treatment programs and alternative to incarceration services. Additionally, the demand for drug treatment courts has risen. According to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, as of October 1, 2010, 1000 persons who would likely have been sent to state prison were instead sentenced to an alternative sentence – 300 received a local jail sentence or probation while 700 were ordered into a court-monitored judicial diversion program.

In order to meet this increased need for substance abuse treatment and other alternative to incarceration programs, the SFY 2010-2011 state budget included funding for outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment services, expansion of drug treatment courts, probation services and alternative to incarceration and reentry programs. The majority of funds provided to support Rockefeller Drug Law reform are derived from federal funds received as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This hearing will provide an opportunity for the committees to hear from communitybased programs, the courts and executive agencies about how the funds provided in the SFY 2010-2011 budget have been and will be distributed and utilized and the implementation of the judicial diversion program. The Correction Committee, in partnership with the Codes and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committees will continue to monitor the program to ensure that the intent of the Rockefeller Reform legislation is carried out.

See Appendix I

# APPENDIX A- 2010 COMMITTEE WORKLOAD

FINAL ACTION	ASSEMBLY BILLS	<u>SENATE BILLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BILLS REPORTED WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENT TO FLOOR; NOT RETURNING TO COMMITTEE TO FLOOR; RECOMMITTED AND DIED	94		94
TO WAYS AND MEANS TO RULES	59 148		59 148
TOTAL	301		301
BILLS HAVING COMMITTEE			
REFERENCE CHANGED TO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE	1		1
TOTAL	1		1
SENATE BILLS SUBSTITUED OR			
RECALLED SUBSTITUED RECALLED		43 3	43 3
TOTAL		46	46
BILLS NEVER REPORTED, HELD IN	129		129
COMMITTEE BILLS NEVER REPORTED, DIED IN COMMITTEE	822	53	875
BILLS HAVING ENACTING	21		21
CLAUSES STRICKEN TOTAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE	1274	99	1373
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD	21		21

# **APPENDIX B - SCHEDULE OF 2010 CODES COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

MONTH	DATE	DAY
January	20	Wednesday
January	26	Tuesday
February	9	Tuesday
March	2	Tuesday
March	9	Tuesday
March	16	Tuesday
April	13	Tuesday
April	19	Monday
April	27	Tuesday
May	4	Tuesday
May	11	Tuesday
May	17	Monday
June June June June June June June	3 8 14 16 21 24 28 30	Tuesday Tuesday Monday Wednesday Monday Thursday Monday Wednesday
November	29	Monday

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD: 21

# APPENDIX C - CODES LAWS OF 2010

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A602	10	Cahill	Permits all state-paid uniformed court officers to execute bench warrants; eliminates distinctions between court security officers in different parts of the state with regards to issuance of bench warrants.
A1069	61	Destito	Exempts manufacturers of firearm silencers from being charged under certain sections of the penal law in certain situations.
A1431	464	Wright	Relates to larceny of an automated teller machine.
A2257-B	315	Stirpe	Establishes a person is guilty of criminal trespass in the second degree when he or she, being required to maintain registration as a sex offender, enters or remains in a school knowing that the victim of his or her offense attends or formerly attended such school.
A3103-A	318	Koon	Adds registered nurse and licensed practical nurse to assault of emergency medical professionals and provides for class C and D felonies for physical injury to them.
A3762	321	Zebrowski	Permits the transportation and possession of a slot machine for the purpose of product development, research, or additional manufacture or assembly.
A5537-A	232	O'Donnell	Clarifies provisions of the penal law describing when a person is guilty of loitering by removing subdivisions that have been declared unconstitutional.
A7670	332	Gottfried	Permits motions to vacate judgment against victims of sex trafficking for certain prostitution offenses.
A7957-A	491	Lentol	Relates to peace officer training.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A7961	179	O'Donnell	Relates to the filing of a probation report for certain misdemeanor cases.
A8316	29	Pretlow	Relates to disclosure in New York state in an action pending in another jurisdiction.
A8396-A	284	Gottfried	Relates to hypodermic syringes and the lawful possession of such syringes.
A9186-B	345	Pretlow	Criminalizes assault on a sanitation enforcement agent.
A9220-A	158	Meng	Relates to hate crimes sentencing; provides that a court may require as a part of the sentence imposed upon a person convicted of a hate crime that the person complete a program, training session or counseling session directed at hate crime prevention.
A9534	14	Gordon	Establishes felony offenses relating to endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person; defines "incompetent or physically disabled person" to mean an individual who is unable to care for himself or herself because of a physical disability, mental disease or defect.
A9938-A	193	Paulin	Relates to expanding the definition of sexual contact.
A10161-A	405	Lentol	Relates to criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation and strangulation.
A10617-A	409	Kellner	Enacts "Elle's Law"; relates to the suspension of driving privileges.
A10750	96	DenDekker	Relates to a defendant's ability to call certain persons upon being charged with a crime.
A11051	121	Lentol	Relates to a sentence of parole.
A11111	447	Paulin	Relates to abandoned infants and endangering the welfare of a child.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
A11177-A	176	Jeffries	Prohibits the electronic recording of certain information identifying information of a person subjected to temporary questioning or search in a public place by police officers.
A11485	479	Latimer	Relates to larceny of religious property and amends what religious property applies.

# **APPENDIX D - DUAL REFERENCED LAWS OF 2010**

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A432-B	382	Kavanagh	Relates to unlawful dissection, procurement and sale of human body tissue, organs and body parts.
A529	227	Destito	Establishes a civil remedy for victims of bias-related violence or intimidation for deprivation of a civil liberty, property damage, injury or death motivated by race, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age or sexual orientation to recover actual damages, injunctive relief or other appropriate remedy; includes attorneys fees.
А600-В	419	Cahill	Allows the release of any dog or cat to another pound, shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated humane society, or duly incorporated animal protective association for the sole purpose of placing such dog or cat in an adoptive home, when such action is reasonably believed to improve the opportunity for adoption.
A924-E	483	DelMonte	Authorizes the department of environmental conservation to promulgate standards authorizing hunting with a crossbow.
A1039-A	454	McEneny	Authorizes the city of Albany, by adoption of a local law or ordinance, to provide for a residential parking permit system in such city within three-quarters of a mile radius of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A1239-B	550	Lancman	Enacts the "access to justice in lending act"; relates to a mortgagor's right to recover attorney's fees in actions or proceedings arising out of foreclosures of residential property which consists of a one- to four-family residence, condominium that is occupied by the mortgagor or cooperative unit that is occupied by the mortgagor; provides reciprocal attorney's fees.
A1470-B	481	Wright	Relates to provisions regarding domestic workers and such workers' employment regulations concerning hours of labor and wages, employment restrictions and employment contracts.
A1558-C	416	Gianaris	Requires energy services companies to provide customers with a consumer bill of rights; establishes civil cause of action and civil penalties for violations of such provisions.
A1870-A	421	Pheffer	Authorizes family courts to issue orders of protection for the protection of witnesses.
A2294	485	Thiele	Relates to the taking of fish for commercial purposes; authorizes certain vessels being used to take food fish, shellfish or crustacea from the waters of the marine and coastal district to be permitted to be replaced one time without loss of exemption; further allows vessels to be replaced one time by a new vessel of up to ten percent greater registered length.
A2642-C	230	Pheffer	Requires that subscription expiration notices for magazines be clearly disclosed in a conspicuous manner.
A3024-F	278	Benjamin	Provides notice to municipal housing authorities whenever a sex offender is released to public housing.
BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
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A3083-E	309	Pheffer	Provides for greater protections to consumers in rental purchase agreements; defines certain terms; provides greater disclosure to consumer regarding the amount, number and times at which various payments relating to such an agreement are due and owing; makes various provisions regarding the method and information required to be disclosed in advertising for such agreements; provides for a right of reinstatement upon repossession.
A3661-C	482	O'Donnell	Enacts the "Dignity For All Students Act"; authorizes the commissioner of education to establish policies and procedures affording all students in public schools an environment free of harassment and discrimination; requires reporting harassment and discrimination to such commission; makes exemptions.
A4296-C	39	Brodsky	Relates to public non-disclosure agreements; makes it unlawful for public authority to require a contract or agreement with an employee refusing to disclose any information received or learned in the course of employment except where it would be denied through published rules.
A4300	91	Canestrari	Provides that actions by the attorney general for unlawful practice of law shall be construed to include both civil and criminal actions; makes conforming changes.
A4758-A	25	Morelle	Allows court to compel the parties to submit to the appraisal process as set out in a standard fire policy regardless of any dispute raised concerning scope of coverage or scope of loss.
A5180-A	425	Pheffer	Enacts the "internet dating safety act"; requires internet dating services to provide safety awareness notification that includes, at minimum, a list and description of safety measures reasonably designed to increase awareness of safer dating practices.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
A5292-B	387	Morelle	Enacts the "Ambrose-Searles move over act" which requires every operator of a motor vehicle to exercise due care to avoid colliding with an authorized emergency vehicle which is parked, stopped or standing on the shoulder or any portion of a highway; sets forth standard of due care.
A5667-C	135	Lopez V	Includes certain buildings, structures or portions thereof occupied for residential purposes for a period of twelve consecutive months during the period commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2009 as the residence or home of any three or more families living independently from one another as interim multiple dwellings; relates to effectiveness of provisions of the loft law.
A5956	279	Magee	Provides that traps shall bear the name and residence address or the assigned identification number of the trapper.
A6195-A	325	Weinstein	Authorizes the family court in family offense proceedings to extend an order of protection upon the showing of good cause or consent of the parties.
A6694-D	533	Russell	Establishes the North Country power authority and provides for its powers and duties.
A6729-A	460	John	Expands the quota penalty provisions to include a ticket, summons or arrest authorized by any general, special or local law made within a specified period of time, and quotas for stops of individuals suspected of criminal activity within a specified period of time; further provides that such employee shall not threaten an employee through a reassignment, scheduling change, adverse evaluation, constructive dismissal, denial of a promotion or the denial of overtime.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
A6919-D	280	Englebright	Enacts the "bisphenol A-free children and babies act"; prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of child care products containing bisphenol A; prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of beverage and food containers containing bisphenol A; requires product labeling.
A6964	177	John	Relates to unemployment benefits for innocent bystanders during industry controversy.
A7078-A	489	Rosenthal	Requires appearance enhancement business owners to provide masks and gloves to nail specialists.
A7569-A	329	Weinstein	Provides for the payment of all counsel and expert fees in matrimonial actions by the more monied party to such action; adds actions to obtain maintenance or distribution of property after a foreign judgment of divorce to the actions for which such fees shall be awarded; directs the court to assure that each party is adequately represented; such actions shall also include actions to enforce a court order.
A7593-B	330	Cahill	Relates to utility service call centers for gas, electric corporation or municipality and their subsidiaries furnishing utility services.
A7662-A	178	Ortiz	Relates to the sale, delivery, dispensing and/or distribution of controlled substances.
A7729-D	8	Gottfried	Creates the family health care decision act; establishes procedures for family members, surrogates and others close to an incapacitated patient making health care decisions on behalf of patients unable to decide about treatment for themselves in accordance with special procedures, standards and safeguards.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A7848	207	Latimer	Requires access aisles of handicapped parking spaces of certain off-street parking lots or parking garages be marked with a sign stating "No Parking Anytime", with diagonal stripes.
A7899-A	64	Jeffries	Relates to establishing inheritance by a non-marital child.
A7907-D	490	Bing	Relates to prudent management of institutional funds standards; requires consideration of certain factors relating to restrictions in gift instruments and charitable purposes; permits judicial modification.
A7917-D	333	Kavanagh	Relates to the requirement of exercising due care in the operation of a motor vehicle to avoid colliding with any bicyclist, pedestrian or domestic animal; provides penalties for causing physical injury by failing to exercise due care.
A8181	240	DelMonte	Relates to the powers and duties of the racing and wagering board to impose certain fines; increases certain fines from five thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars.
A8182	241	Spano	Relates to the imposition of fines.
A8237-D	418	John	Enacts the "New York state construction industry fair play act"; defines terms; provides notice to persons receiving remuneration from contractors and subcontractors; describes violations; authorizes enforcement and penalties.

#### BILL NUMBER CHAPTER SPONSOR SUMMARY Kellner A8278 536 Provides that no health care plan or health insurance policy which provides coverage for prescription drugs and for which costsharing, deductibles or co-insurance obligations are determined by category of prescription drugs including, but not limited to, generic drugs, preferred brand drugs and non-preferred brand drugs, shall impose cost-sharing, deductibles or coinsurance obligations for any prescription drug that exceeds the dollar amount of cost-sharing, deductibles or co-insurance obligations for any other prescription drug provided under such coverage in the category of non-preferred brand drugs or their equivalents. A8300-A 434 Lupardo Excludes idling reduction devices from the calculation of the weight of certain vehicles, provided that such devices do not increase the vehicle weight by more than 400 pounds and such devices are fully functional. A8301-C 549 Lupardo Provides for temporary surrender of the license of a dentist or pharmacist with a drug or alcohol abuse problem, or such other disposition as determined by department of education. A8393-A 341 Weinstein Provides that orders of protection shall not be denied, in support proceedings, paternity proceedings, termination of parental rights proceedings, person in need of supervision proceedings, family offense proceedings and child protective proceedings, solely on the basis that the events alleged are not contemporaneous with the application therefor or the conclusion of the action. A8407-B Gottfried 283 Relates to the applicability of local building codes to state and state agency owned buildings; creates the New York city-New York state task force on building and fire safety; provides for the powers and duties

of such task force.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A8498-A	181	Gottfried	Relates to persons who may register for the adoption information registry; relates to birth certificates of adopted children.
A8504	342	Scarborough	Relates to trial discharges of youth in foster care and voluntary re-placements of older adolescents in foster care; extends trial discharges at permanency hearings for successive periods of up to six months until youth reach the age of 21, and where the affected youth is over 18, any such trail discharge would require his or her consent; allows youth between 18-21 who have been discharged within 24 months to seek leave to return voluntarily to foster care.
A8524	343	Scarborough	Provides a process for a petition to restore previously terminated parental rights under certain circumstances.
A8530-E	94	DenDekker	Entitles defendants charged with an offense the ability to telephone any number located in the United States or Puerto Rico for the purpose of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend.
A8531-A	154	Destito	Expands protection of technology assets used to maintain public information.
A8601-B	169	Weisenberg	Establishes certain persons, without being under the supervision and at the direction of a physician, may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content therein.
A8613	82	Peralta	Relates to certain persons sentenced to parole supervision.
A8645-B	435	Paulin	Relates to alcohol awareness training programs; bond revocation for civil penalties; provides for training within 90 days.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
A8741-C	243	Paulin	Relates to causes of action against certain businesses arising in connection with the AED; provides that gross negligence by a business or employee must be shown; provides that a provider of an AED shall assure that anticipated users of AEDs are trained using a nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines course.
A8804-B	458	Benedetto	Provides for increased fines for overnight parking of tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, truck trailers and semi-trailers on residential streets in the city of New York.
A8827-A	117	Scarborough	Relates to the enforcement of child day care safety and standards.
A8839-A	344	Pheffer	Provides for enhanced consumer protection measures and enforcement of the do-not- call registry; limits telemarketing to 8 am to 9 pm local time unless given express permission by the consumer to contact at a different time.
A8914-B	205	Sweeney	Relates to the distribution, sale, offer and exposure of phosphorus compound in household cleaning products and lawn fertilizer.
A8952	182	Weinstein	Relates to modifying child support orders, employer reporting of new hires and quarterly earnings, work experience programs and noncustodial earned income tax credit.
A9223-C	245	Fields	Prohibits the import, manufacture, sale and distribution of unsafe cribs.
A9227-B	396	Schimminger	Relates to alcoholic beverage liquidator's permits and temporary retail permits.
A9368-A	73	Gabryszak	Authorizes the county court, or supreme court in the city of New York, to issue a court order providing for the confidentiality of election registration records of a victim of domestic violence.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A9541-A	556	Pheffer	Prohibits an additional fee or rate to be charged when payment on an account is made by US mail or a customer opts for receiving paper billing statement.
A9559	1	Silver	Prohibits and criminalizes the use by certain public officers and employees of state property, services or resources for activities related to private business or to a political campaign.
A9737	118	Espaillat	Extends time limitations for certain actions arising from injury or death caused by contact with or exposure to phenoxy herbicides while serving as a member of the armed forces of the United States in Indo-China.
A9825-A	192	Weisenberg	Requires the establishment of procedures or mechanisms to receive allegations of abuse or mistreatment of patients served by programs licensed or operated under the mental hygiene law; includes allegations received anonymously; requires toll-free number.
A9826	249	Amedore	Authorizes the Montgomery county correctional facility may also be used for the detention of persons under arrest being held for arraignment in any court located in the county of Montgomery.
A9923-A	292	Destito	Relates to beer and/or malt beverage tasting permits.
A9949-A	4	Destito	Relates to procurement lobbying.
A10000-A	254	Pheffer	Requires an automobile dealer to pay a specified amount on the prior credit or lease balance owing on the vehicle purchased or obtained in trade to the lessor, or to the legal owner of the vehicle purchased or obtained in trade within twenty-one calendar days of purchasing or obtaining the vehicle in trade.
A10061	256	Aubry	Relates to inmate labor for non-profit organizations.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A10094-B	354	Rivera N	Relates to information and access to breast reconstructive surgery.
A10196	44	Destito	Authorizes the court to declare that a public body has violated the open meetings law or to declare that actions taken by a public body are void; requires members of the public body to attend a training session concerning the obligations of the open meetings law.
A10233	260	Parment	Authorizes the detaining in the Chautauqua county correctional facility of persons awaiting arraignment in any local court in the county of Chautauqua.
A10031	471	Morelle	Relates to brewer's licenses.
A10356-B	477	Rosenthal	Requires owners or lessors to provide bedbug infestation history for the previous year to any lessee of real property within New York city before the lease of such property.
A10410	261	Rosenthal	Authorizes the facsimile transmission or transmission by electronic means of orders of protection and temporary orders of protection for the purpose of the service thereof.
A10443-B	443	Bing	Relates to disclosure regarding dual agency in real estate relationships.
A10557	211	Magee	Relates to the licensing of slaughterhouses
A10569	298	Schimminger	Amends the definition of cash to include electronic funds transfer for ABC purposes.
A10673	408	Magee	Authorizes a temporary permit for the sale of wine for consumption upon the premises at the New York state fair.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A10681-B	104	Silver	Enacts provisions relating to military and absentee ballots; designation of means of transmission of military voters and by special federal voters; prohibits refusal to accept voter registration and military ballot applications, marked military ballots and federal write-in absentee ballots for failure to meet certain requirements; and prohibits refusal to accept voter registration and special federal ballot applications, marked special federal ballots and federal write-in absentee ballots for failure to meet certain requirements.
A10725	468	Weinstein	Provides for orders of attachment against a foreign state.
A10754-A	444	Magnarelli	Relates to the cremated remains of a veteran and their disposition.
A10766-A	264	Nolan	Relates to disclosures required for certain solicitations by container.
A10771	196	Cusick	Protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination and provides equal opportunity to enjoy common portions of dwellings.
A10773	510	Gottfried	Relates to the defense and indemnification of certain nonjudicial employees certified by the office of court administration and paid by the city of New York to serve as a guardian ad litem in an action or proceeding pending in the housing part of the civil court of the city of New York.
A10851-A	363	Weinstein	Grants the chief administrator of the courts the authority to allow referees to determine applications to a family court for an order of protection when such application is made ex parte or without the presence of all the parties except the applicant; specifies that such provisions shall only apply during those hours that the family court is in session and after 5:00 p.m.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A10857-A	364	Schimminger	Provides for the revocation of a liquor license for cause upon a sixth complaint of noise, disturbance, misconduct or disorder upon or related to the operation of the licensed premises.
A10869	365	Galef	Relates to making real property tax receipts available online.
A10872	527	Magee	Requires identification of practices most susceptible to threats from dumping out of state products.
A10878-A	367	Rosenthal	Prohibits the implementation of electronic billing and/or payment of rent by a landlord without the tenant's consent; landlords shall not require participation in an electronic payment system as the only method for payment of rent; provides that a landlord shall not impose any fee or other charge upon tenants who choose not to use electronic billing and/or payment systems.
A10881	222	Rosenthal	Relates to appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards for portable light fixtures, bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, portable electric spas and residential pool pumps.
A10888	543	Paulin	Relates to local enforcement by county health commissioners of bulk storage of petroleum and the collection of fines and penalties.
A10908-B	368	Morelle	Authorizes limited licenses to self-storage companies for the sale of insurance on personal property stored at storage facilities.
A10921	554	Paulin	Establishes the provision of temporary maintenance in matrimonial actions; directs the law revision commission to study the effects of divorce and maintenance.
A10943	504	Gottfried	Prohibits the use of patient quotas for selecting dental treatments by manufacturers upon dentists.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A10984-B	371	Paulin	Establishes the provision of temporary maintenance in matrimonial actions; directs the law revision commission to study the effects of divorce and maintenance.
A11007-A	269	Pheffer	Requires disclosure to consumers of the type of rebate being offered, whether additional fees may apply, and form of remittance of the rebate to the consumer.
A11099-A	167	Millman	Relates to imposing civil penalties for violations of the rules of the Brooklyn bridge park development corporation; provides for the adjudication of such violations by the environmental control board, and clarifies the authority of the NYC department of parks and recreation.
A11100	446	Weinstein	Relates to service of orders of protection including applications to extend and petitions for violations of orders of protection and temporary orders of protection in family court.
A11116	303	Dinowitz	Relates to losses sustained as a result of an injury resulting from operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
A11157	215	Gantt	Relates to the minimum hours of supervised driving requirement for licensing and amends chapter 403 of the laws of 2009 relating to the graduated license program.
A11178-A	449	Paulin	Relates to the disposition of abandoned animals; authorizes certified euthanasia technicians to perform certain veterinary medicine practices without a license.
A11240	220	Skartados	Requires reporting of newborn hearing screening results and data to the department of health.
A11487	308	Gottfried	Relates to HIV testing, including consent for such testing, required offering for such testing, confidentiality and disclosure.

BILL NUMBER	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A11499	547	Lopez P	Relates to the license to sell liquors at retail for consumption at 4 North Main street in the town of Bainbridge.
A11527	175	Cook	Relates to expanding opportunities for women and minority-owned business enterprises and increasing competition and diversity in procurements by the State and its public authorities.
A11536-A	151	Englebright	Relates to resale of tickets to places of entertainment; provides for the regulation of boxing and wrestling relating to tickets to places of entertainment.
A11567	147	Lopez V	Enacts provisions relating to interim multiple dwellings and the tax law relating to video lottery gaming.
A11576	415	Weinstein	Relates to counsel and expert fees in matrimonial actions, to change the effective date from 120 days after it shall have become a law to 60 days after it shall have become a law.

## APPENDIX E - 2010 CODES BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	
A737	Gunther	Designates security hospital treatment assistants in the office of mental health as peace officers while performing duties in or arising out of the course of such person's employment.	
A1067-A	Destito	Provides that sexual contact upon a person under the age of 13 by a person 21 years of age or older shall be sexual abuse in the first degree.	
A6468-C	Schimel	Requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of microstamping ammunition; establishes fines for violations of this requirement.	
A7393-A	Lentol	Relates to definitions for gambling offenses.	
A8147-A	Gottfried	Provides limitations on use of evidence obtained in connection with a person seeking or receiving health care for a drug overdose.	
A8317-A	Schimminger	Relates to appellate review of an ex parte order or applications for provisional remedies.	
A8333-A	Boyle	Grants uniform members of the bureau of fire prevention of the town of Islip peace officer status.	
A9447-A	Hevesi	Includes possession of four or more stolen bicycles in the crime of criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree and the value exceeds six hundred dollars.	
A10572	Hyer-Spencer	Relates to the filing a false financing statement.	
A10685-A	O'Donnell	Relates to prosecutorial discretion to dismiss accusatory instruments.	
A10894	Kavanagh	Requires the division of criminal justice services to report on handgun licenses.	
A11025	Lentol	Extends provisions of law authorizing the use of credit cards to pay fees, fines, and surcharges.	

# APPENDIX F - 2010 DUAL REFERENCED BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY

BILL NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A404-B	John	Relates to workers on excavations; provides that utility companies or their contractors shall use competent workers and shall pay the prevailing wage on projects where a permit to use or open a street is required to be issued.
A711	Cahill	Permits persons licensed to sell wine at retail for consumption on the premises to sell certain low alcohol beverages that contain not more than twenty-four per centum alcohol, by volume, and that are produced from agricultural products.
A841	Gunther	Sets forth procedures to be followed in the event a sex offender fails to mail a signed verification within twenty calendar days of mailing by the division of criminal justice services.
A1119	Destito	Makes it a discriminatory practice for public employers to compensate employees of different sexes differently for work that is of comparable worth; makes exception for seniority system; prohibits reducing anyone's compensation to conform with this provision; provides three years for a compliance plan.
A1685-A	Lopez V	Relates to recovery of certain housing accommodations by a landlord; limits a landlord's ability to take possession of units for their own primary residence, permit recovery of only one unit, and restrict such ability if the tenant has occupied the apartment for twenty or more years.
A1819-A	Pheffer	Prohibits persons or business entities from filing unnecessary personal identifying information with an agency; provides for enforcement by the attorney general.
A2005	Rosenthal	Makes conforming technical changes to the New York City administrative code and the emergency tenant protection act relating to vacancy decontrol.

#### BILL NUMBER SPONSOR SUMMARY

A2279	Cusick	Provides for a reasonable amount of construction contract sum to be deposited in a separate interest bearing escrow account with a third party escrow agent; provides further that the owner shall be subject to the payment of interest, in addition to the escrow interest, at the rate of one percent per month and the contractor or subcontractor shall be subject to payment of interest on the amount of retainage it holds at the rate of one percent per month.
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- A2541 Cusick Provides that students may be employed for up to five hours on any day preceding a school day as a qualified lifeguard or aquatic supervisory staff, provided that the employer receives and maintains both the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian and a certificate which shall be provided to the employer at the end of each marking period by the minor's school which shall assert that such minor is in satisfactory academic standing.
- A2581 Englebright Prohibits the commercial taking of northern or lined seahorses.
- A2604 Pretlow Prohibits banking organizations from issuing checks or drafts to any person or other legal entity when the endorsement or deposit of such check or draft by such person or other legal entity would constitute such person's or other legal entity's acceptance of an unsolicited loan from such banking organization.
- A3460 Perry Prohibits pay per call prize schemes from charging more for the call than that charged by a telephone corporation regulated by the Public Service Commission for the same call.

## BILL NUMBER SPONSOR SUMMARY

A3837	Lentol	Requires the department of environmental conservation to require, as a condition precedent to the issuance or renewal of a major facility license, the submission of satisfactory evidence that the applicant has implemented, or is in the process of implementing, state and federal plans and regulations for the prompt detection of petroleum discharges; requires applicants for a major facility license to submit information, in form satisfactory to the commissioner, describing the equipment used at the facility to promptly detect petroleum discharges; requires major facilities to install equipment to promptly detect discharges of petroleum from a tank and any connected petroleum pipelines within one year of effective date; defines "prompt detection".
A3892	Lentol	Requires owners and operators of petroleum bulk storage facilities located in cities of one million or more to undertake comprehensive accident prevention plans for the prevention of spills and leaks of petroleum; further requires such owners or operators to hire an independent company to quarterly audit the implementation of such plan.
A3911	John	Enacts the "New York State fair pay act"; provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discriminate between employees on the basis of sex, race and/or national origin by paying different wages.
A4616-A	Perry	Relates to the issuance of arrest warrants and appearance tickets upon a youth; provides for the police officer to immediately notify the parent or other person legally responsible for the care of such youth with whom the youth is domiciled that the youth has been arrested; provides further that the police officer need not notify the parent or other person legally responsible when such youth is not also a juvenile offender and the notification would endanger the health and safety of such youth.
A4766-A	Weisenberg	Requires ATMs to use both audio and visual system of relaying messages to its customers; provides that this provision would enable those individuals that are visually impaired to access ATMs without the assistance of another person; requires the audio system to convey substantially the same information as the visual; provides for rules and regulations to be promulgated by the superintendent of banks.

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
A5316-B	Silver	Relates to adjustment to the maximum allowable rent.
A5448-A	Perry	Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers, HMOs, insurers and health plans from offering incentives to health care providers to switch from one prescription drug to another specific prescription drug.
A5869	Millman	Requires convex mirrors on trucks.
A6685	Miller J	Provides that every banking institution which maintains checking accounts for customers shall pay checks in the order received within account balance; provides such banks may dishonor check for insufficient funds, but then must honor smaller checks within amounts on deposit in the subject account.
A6714-B	Mayersohn	Prohibits smoking in private passenger cars, vans and trucks where a minor less than 14 years of age is a passenger in such vehicles; provides for rebuttable presumption; provides that violations of such provisions shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.
A6813-D	Kavanagh	Provides for the recycling of rechargeable batteries and prohibits disposal as solid waste; includes definitions and civil sanctions.
A7598	Jeffries	Relates to statutes of limitations based on notices of deregulation.
A7943-B	Pheffer	Relates to arbitration organizations; requires private arbitration organizations involved in fifty or more consumer arbitrations per year to collect, publish at least quarterly, and make available to the public in a computer-searchable database certain information relating to such arbitrations; prohibits financial conflicts of interest.
A8873-A	Gibson	Requires applicants for public assistance to be fully informed, orally and in writing, that they may be liable to reimburse the state for benefits received; requires an informed acknowledgment form to be signed by the applicant and kept in the applicant's file.
A9390-B	Paulin	Provides that a business entity may not provide false caller identification with the intent to defraud or harass any party; provides definition of business entity.

BILL NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A9400	Paulin	Requires that individuals convicted of certain animal cruelty and animal fighting offenses reimburse the organizations caring for such animals.
A9407-A	Hevesi	Authorizes the NYS Consumer Protection Board to establish a bike theft prevention website; requires bike shops to provide notice to buyers, to post information and provides for civil penalties for failure to post bike registration information.
A9480	Sweeney	Prevents individuals from being denied standing in private actions alleging violations of the environmental quality review provisions of the environmental conservation law solely on the basis that the injury alleged by such individual does not differ in kind or degree from the injury that would be suffered by the public at large.
A9529	Rosenthal	Prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors and items not defined as a tobacco product or approved by the FDA as a tobacco use cessation or harm reduction.
A9532-B	Pheffer	Tracks federal privacy act of 1974 with respect to the obligation of a person to disclose their social security number to another person, partnership, association or corporation; provides where there is no legal basis for request that a person may refuse to provide his or her social security number; provides for enforcement by attorney general.
A9544	Silver	Creates an executive ethics and compliance commission and the New York state commission on lobbying ethics and compliance; establishes the legislative office of ethics investigation and joint legislative commission on ethics standards; relates to ethics reports financial disclosure of public officers; relates to a state board of elections enforcement unit and counsel; relates to personal use of campaign funds, filing requirements, political communication, independent expenditure reporting, enforcement proceedings, and penalties for violations.
A9554	Gottfried	Relates to death and felony crime reports in certain adult care facilities.
A9562	Magee	Includes within the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine the diagnoses and treatment of dental conditions.

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
A9859-A	Magee	Adulterates frozen desserts made with wine bearing or containing more than one-half of one percent, but not more than five percent of alcohol by volume.
A9928	Hoyt	Relates to record keeping procedures and policies relating to records of the governor, the executive chamber, the legislature and civil departments.
A10059-A	Paulin	Amends the civil penalties authorized to be levied by local boards of health.
A10063	Weisenberg	Relates to driving while using a portable electronic device; removes the requirement that there be reasonable cause a person using the device has committed a violation to issue a summons.
A10158	Kolb	Allows for rifle hunting in that portion of Ontario County south of NYS route 20.
А10160-В	Sweeney	Relates to the collection of mercury-containing thermostats.
A10163-B	Heastie	Establishes the wage theft prevention act.
A10220-A	Lentol	Relates to independent hearing officers for disciplinary hearings.
A10257-D	Gianaris	Broadens scope of prevailing wage requirements for service employees and establishes criminal penalties for violations.
A10276-A	Ortiz	Requires level two sex offenders to disclose their employment address, whether employment is for compensation or not as part of registration information; prohibits employment which involves substantial contact with children.
A10423-B	Latimer	Relates to certain procedures regarding changes in assessment following litigation.
A10450-B	Meng	Requires certain health insurance policies to include coverage for the cost of certain infant and baby formulas.
A10509-C	Paulin	Amends requirements for pet dealers for the care and sale of cats and dogs; requires the implementation of an appropriate plan for the exercise of animals in their possession.

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A10571	Weinstein	Directs the municipal police training council to establish policies and procedures for police officers, relating to the investigation of and intervention into sex offenses; provides for recommendations to the governor relating to rules and regulations therefor.
A10775	Burling	Allows for rifle hunting in Wyoming County.
A10778	Galef	Mandates that any article of merchandise advertised, and not available throughout advertised period, must be supplied at advertised price by seller within sixty days from the date the purchaser of such article is notified of its availability; specifies terms of raincheck and limited exceptions.
A10841	Cusick	Establishes emergency evacuation plan for individuals with disabilities; establishes \$500 fine for failure to comply with such plan within one year of the effective date.
A10859	Pretlow	Relates to bell jar manufacture, sale and conduct.
A10863-A	DenDekker	Establishes the "vehicle lienholder accountability act"; requires lienholders to provide notice to the owner of the vehicle when such lienholder assigns his or her security interest and requires such lienholder to execute a release of his or her security interest, within ten days of such assignment.
A10968	Kavanagh	Relates to requiring commercial parking garages to install and operate pedestrian warning devices where vehicles exiting such garage cross a pedestrian sidewalk; requires both visual and audible warning signals.
A10974	Weisenberg	Relates to the definition of, and information provided about, sex offenders.
A11108	Englebright	Relates to resale of tickets to places of entertainment; provides for the regulation of boxing and wrestling relating to tickets to places of entertainment.
A11119-B	Pheffer	Relates to cancellation of membership camping contracts.

BILL NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A11350	Silver	Requires greater disclosure and transparency of campaign finance information; provides for independent expenditure reporting; prohibits a person, campaign committee or political party from falsely identifying the source of a political communication.
A11483	Kavanagh	Relates to recycling rechargeable batteries
A11506	Weinstein	Clarifies when the family court may order an ACOD either before entry of a fact-finding order or entry of a final disposition; clarifies the procedures applicable when a parent has successfully complied with the conditions of an order suspending judgment.

## APPENDIX G - 2010 CODES BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

BILL NUMBER	VETO NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A10005	6806	Calhoun	Designates as peace officers, the uniformed court officers of the town court of the town of New Windsor.
A10058-B	6808	Lancman	Enacts the "taxi driver protection act"; requires a sign in every for-hire vehicle that states that "WARNING: Assaulting A Taxi Driver Is Punishable By Up To Twenty-Five Years In Prison."
A10300-A	6826	Lavine	Relates to exempting qualified religious organizations from fees associated with permits required to display fireworks.
A10761-A	6810	Castelli	Includes certain employees of the town or village of Harrison as peace officers.
A11087	6785	Ramos	Relates to establishing a gang assessment, intervention, prevention and suppression program.

## APPENDIX H - 2010 DUAL REFERENCED BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

BILL NUMBER	VETO NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A1135	6741	Dinowitz	Authorizes the department of health to establish a program for familial dysautonomia, Canavan's and Tay- Sachs disease screening and counseling and to provide grants and to enter into contracts with public and non-profit private entities to assist in such program; and provides that participation in such program shall be voluntary and all information shall be confidential.
A1730-D	6798	Brodsky	Specifies requirements for auctions; holds the auctioneer responsible for truth of statements in catalogues, announcements, etc.
A2108	6789	Benjamin	Requires division of criminal justice services to include within the sex offender registry additional information stating whether the offender is in violation of registration requirements.
A2132	6743	John	Provides that an offender who fails to register or verify as a sex offender shall have the period of time of such failure to register or verify added to the duration of registration.
A2322	6821	Magee	Authorizes wineries to engage in custom crush wine production allowing individuals to assist in the production of wine for sale for personal or family use.

BILL NUMBER	VETO NUMBER	<u>SPONSOR</u>	SUMMARY
A2692-A	6745	Sweeney	Provides reimbursement by the transporter of hazardous materials to fire companies for costs associated with responding to spills of hazardous materials; provides that the state fire administrator shall develop and make reimbursement forms to enable a fire company to bill a transporter of hazardous materials for costs incurred in responding to a release or threatened release of hazardous materials.
A3233-B	6819	Clark	Establishes the independent office of child advocate to ensure the protection and promotion of legal rights for youth in juvenile justice facilities; repeals certain provisions relating to the office of the ombudsman.
A3514-A	6749	Gianaris	Provides for furnishing of a copy of the transcript of the trial of a defendant convicted of a homicide offense, or of the proceedings which resulted in such conviction, to a family member of the victim at no cost to the victim or survivors; provides that the expense thereof shall be chargeable to the county, or in the counties within the city of New York, a city charge, as the case may be.
A3923-C	6718	Mayersohn	Requires police stations, district attorney offices, hospitals and other places where crimes may, or must, be reported to make available to crime victims printed information pertaining to social services and financial assistance for such crime victims.
A4501-A	6719	Espaillat	Makes shipboard gambling a class E felony; makes exception for certain United States-flagged or foreign- flagged vessels.

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A5176	6813	Lentol	Prohibits radioactive or hazardous waste disposal or transfer stations from being sited within one thousand five hundred feet of school property.
A5220-B	6751	Magnarelli	Creates the missing vulnerable adults clearinghouse.
A6336	7	Destito	Provides for binding arbitration in negotiations with all members who are designated as security services or security supervisors.
A7173	14	Abbate	Grants those assigned or employed as investigators and senior investigators in the bureau of criminal investigation or as a station commander, zone commander, zone sergeant, first sergeant, captain or major within the division of state police protection from removal or other disciplinary action except for removal or other disciplinary action which is founded on the incompetency or misconduct of such employee.
A7287	8	Rosenthal	Relates to online listing of real property for sale or rent; excludes such activities from regulation by the state real estate board; excludes such acts from the definition of an apartment information vendor.
A7691-C	6735	Castro	Provides for the sanitization of every used mattress or bedding material transported, stored or sold in the state.
A8172-C	6711	Magee	Allows a licensed winery or farm winery to sell wine for consumption upon the premises of a food festival except for an event conducted within a city with a population of one million or more.

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A8418	13	Scarborough	Relates to notification procedures for the transfer of a child from one foster home to another; permits transfer without prior notice in certain circumstances.
A9018-A	6759	John	Defines "victim of domestic violence"; prohibits employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence.
A9020-A	6760	Destito	Prevents housing discrimination against victims of domestic violence.
A9502-A	6829	Magnarelli	Requires a study and report on methods to modernize information collection, retention and dissemination in the state.
A9544	1	Silver	Creates an executive ethics and compliance commission and the New York state commission on lobbying ethics and compliance; establishes the the legislative office of ethics investigation and joint legislative commission on ethics standards; relates to ethics reports financial disclosure of public officers; relates to a state board of elections enforcement unit and counsel; relates to personal use of campaign funds, filing requirements, political communication, independent expenditure reporting, enforcement proceedings, and penalties for violations.
A10180	6764	Weinstein	Establishes an address confidentiality program in the office of the secretary of state for domestic violence victims who need to maintain confidentiality of their location; authorizes the secretary of state to accept service of process and receipt of mail on behalf of a program participant.
A10689-A	6766	Bing	Relates to rental discrimination based on income.

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A10918	6784	Silver	Requires notice to renters of safe deposit boxes regarding fees and charges.
A11389	6787	Perry	Relates to the release of sealed court records.
A11400	6737	Aubry	Adopts the interstate compact for juveniles.

## **APPENDIX I - 2010 COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

#### <u>TITLE</u>

#### **COMMITTEES**

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