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TO: New York State Cemetery Board
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A.10861	Assemblymember Fall	S.9233	Senator Scarcella-Spanton
Title: An act to amend the general business law, in relation to authorizing the bureau of funeral directing to investigate any claim of moneys paid in connection with agreements for funeral merchandise or services			
Description: Authorizes the bureau of funeral directing, under the direction of the commissioner of health to investigate claims relating to moneys paid in connection with agreement for funeral merchandise or services			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
4/8/26	Referred to Consumer Affairs and Protection		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/20/26	Reported and Committed to Health		

A.9484	Assemblymember Paulin	S. 8759	Senator Cleare
Title: An act to amend the elder law, in relation to publishing a guide to actions when someone close dies			
Description: This is a chapter amendment that makes changes to the provisions of L.2025, C.582.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
2/13/26	Signed chap. 28		
Senate Actions			
2/13/26	Signed chap. 28		

A.10095	Assemblymember Paulin	S.9112	Senator Addabbo
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the “licensed funeral arranger act”			
Description: The purpose of the bill is to address the workforce shortage in the funeral directing industry be creating a new class of licensure for funeral arranging and to authorize "registered transporters."			

Assembly Actions	
Date:	Action:
1/30/26	Referred to Health
Senate Actions	
Date:	Action:
2/3/26	Referred to Health

A.10242A	Assemblymember Ramos	S.8903A	Senator Fahy
Title: An act to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to former patients interred at present and former state mental health hospital cemeteries			
Description: Provides for the availability of certain records of former patients interred at state mental health hospital cemeteries.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/19/26	Reported Referred to Ways and Means		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/20/26	Amend and Recommit to Mental Health		

A.9256	Assemblymember DiPietro	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to creating the offense of unlawful funeral protest			
Description: This bill seeks to establish the offense of unlawful funeral protest to protect the peace, dignity, and privacy of funeral services and grieving families by prohibiting disruptive protest activities in proximity to funerals during specified times.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/2026	Referred to Codes		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.169	Assemblymember Eichenstein	S. 9618	Senator Addabbo
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to cemetery desecration; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto			
Description: Removes the $250 amount of damage from cemetery desecration in the second degree; makes cemetery desecration in the second degree a class E felony to apply to any damage or theft regardless of value; adds crime of cemetery desecration in the first degree and makes such crime a class D felony.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Codes		
Senate Actions			
Date	Action:		

3/30/26	Referred to Codes

A.212	Assemblymember Steck	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: Relates to decreasing the electronic death registration system fee for funeral directors and undertakers			
Description: Decreases the electronic death registration system fee for funeral directors and undertakers from twenty to five dollars.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
6/22/26	Enacting clause striken		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.220	Assemblymember Eachus	S N/A	Senator N/A
Title: Deems human remains to be abandoned if not acted upon within a certain period of time			
Description: Deems human remains to be abandoned if not acted upon within a certain period of time and authorizes the person in possession of such remains to dispose of them.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Health		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.408	Assemblymember Stirpe	S.1009	Senator Brouk
Title: An act to amend the veterans' services law and the public health law, in relation to authorizing a veteran's close friend or family member who is reasonably familiar with such veteran's wishes to request that such veteran be buried in a veterans' cemetery			
Description: Authorizes a veteran's close friend or family who is reasonably familiar with such veteran's wishes to request that such veteran be buried in a state veterans' cemetery.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Veterans' Affairs		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/28/26	Passed Senate		

A.496	Assemblymember Hevesi	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: Relates to certain duties and responsibilities of cemetery corporations			
Description: Relates to certain duties and responsibilities of cemetery corporations; requires disclosure of the dimensions of spacing between plots, lots, or parts thereof; provides for the filing of consumer complaints.			

Assembly Actions	
Date:	Action:
1/7/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions
Senate Actions	
Date:	Action:

A.3397-A	Assemblymember Raga	S. 1242-A	Senator Addabbo
Title: An act to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to revising the New York state veteran's memorial and monument registry			
Description: Revises the New York state veteran's memorial and monument registry such that it is easier to navigate and has deadlines for the submission of memorials and monuments and the updating of the registry.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
2/3/26	Passed Assembly		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
6/4/26	Passed Senate		

A.2034	Assemblymember Smullen	S.1151	Senator Oberacker
Title: An act to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing an adopt-a-rural cemetery program			
Description: Directs the Secretary of State to develop and implement an adopt-a-rural-cemetery program for the purposes of improving, repairing, and maintaining cemeteries in rural communities which are registered with and overseen by the division of cemeteries; allows municipalities to opt in to the program.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Finance		

A.2346	Assemblymember Eichenstein	S.35	Senator Tedisco
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to including aggravated cemetery desecration in the second degree and aggravated cemetery desecration in the first degree as specified offenses for purposes of hate crimes			
Description:			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Codes		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Codes		

A.2524	Assemblymember Colton	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the general business law, in relation to the unauthorized sale of veterans' commemorative property that has been placed in a cemetery and the unauthorize sale of cemetery markers and flagholders			
Description: Prohibits the unauthorized sale, purchase or transfer of any cemetery marker, flag holder, monument, statue or other physical memorabilia that is over 75 years old that commemorates the life or death of a veteran or group of veterans has been placed in any cemetery; makes violations a class B misdemeanor; permits cemeteries to make such sales upon application to the state cemetery board and upon certain conditions.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Veterans' Affairs		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.4113	Assemblymember Hyndman	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to permitting certain funeral vehicles and other vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle lanes			
Description: Permits certain funeral service vehicles and other vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle lanes.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Transportation		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.4128	Assemblymember Sayegh	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting funeral directors to sell insurance			
Description: Permits funeral directors to sell insurance			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Insurance		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.4347	Assemblymember Hyndman	S.4392	Senator Comrie
Title: An act to amend the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to retiring cemetery indebtedness			
Description: Provides that any cemetery corporation is permitted to retire any certificates or other instruments of indebtedness related to its operations to the benefit of such cemetery's permanent maintenance fund upon notice to the certificate owners.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/11/26	Passed Assembly		

Senate Actions	
Date:	Action:
4/28/26	Reported and Committed to Finance

A.5172	Assemblymember Buttenschon	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing funeral directing apprenticeships as an alternative to licensing examinations.			
Description: Authorizes funeral directing apprenticeships as an alternative to licensing examinations; requires such apprenticeships to be one- to four-year programs led by licensing funeral directors.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Health		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.5218	Assemblymember Durso	S.505	Senator Palumbo
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to concealment and/or mutilation of a human corpse; and to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to authorizing bail for principals charged with concealing and/or mutilation of a human corpse.			
Description: Relates to concealment and/or mutilation of a human corpse by any person; exempts practice of funeral direction and organ donation.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Codes		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Codes		

A.5449	Assemblymember Bailey	S.3798	Senator Helming
Title: An act to amend chapter 560 of the laws of 1998, amending the not-for-profit corporation law and other laws, relating to combinations of cemetery corporations and funeral entities, and the sale of monuments and memorials, in relation to certain crematory or crematorium operated by a funeral entity.			
Description: Provides that the Finger Lakes crematory located in the village of Livonia, county of Livingston may add an additional retort expressly and for use in an instance of mechanical or technical failure of an existing retort.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions		
Senate Actions			
1/7/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions		

A.5503	Assemblymember Reyes	S.4369	Senator Comrie

Title: An act to amend the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to authorizing memorial lands facilities	
Description: Provides a permit for a memorial lands facility	
Assembly Actions	
Date:	Action:
1/7/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions
Senate Actions	
Date:	Action:
3/9/26	Passed Senate

A N/A	Assemblymember N/A	S.890	Senator Sepulveda
Title: An act to amend the social services law, in relation to assistance for burial arrangements			
Description: Expands the maximum benefit and eligibility requirements for financial assistance for burial arrangements; provides for expedited assistance during a state disaster emergency.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Social Services		

A. N/A	Assemblymember N/A	S.2199	Senator Comrie
Title: An act to amend the tax law, in relation to providing an exemption for tangible personal property and services sold by a cemetery			
Description: Provides an exemption for tangible personal property and services sold by a cemetery.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Budget and Revenue		

A. N/A	Assemblymember N/A	S.3030	Senator Ortt
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to the priority of persons with responsibility to determine the disposition of human remains.			
Description: Relates to the priority of persons with responsibility to determine the disposition of human remains; provides that persons designated by a member of the military shall have first priority.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Health		

A. N/A	Assemblymember N/A	S.6661	Senator Griffo
Title: Establishes the New York state veterans cemetery act			
Description: Add §24-a, Veterans' Services L Establishes the "New York state veterans cemetery act"; directs the division to conduct an investigation and study on the issue of the establishment of a New York state veterans cemetery funding program.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs		

A. 7894-C	Assemblymember Paulin	S.7457-B	Senator Rivera
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting the use of cremation or natural organic reduction as the method of disposition for certain decedents			
Description: Permits a chief fiscal officer of a county or a public administrator, when having the right to control the disposition of the remains of a decedent and acting reasonably and in good faith, to, without civil liability, select cremation or natural organic reduction as the method of disposition for such decedent where the financial resources of such decedent are limited and such disposition is selected with the reasonable belief that the method is consistent with the religious practices of the decedent.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/27/26	Passed Assembly		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		
2/11/26	Passed Senate		

A. 8640	Assemblymember Williams	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating distinctive license plates for funeral service vehicles			
Description: Creates distinctive license plates for funeral service vehicles			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/7/26	Referred to Transportation		
Senate Actions			
Date:	Action:		

A.8618	Assemblymember Novakhov	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the penal law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to prohibiting a person from defacing or damaging a fine art or historical monument			

Description: Prohibits a person from defacing or damaging a fine art or historical monument	
Assembly Actions	
Date:	Action:
1/7/26	Referred to Codes
Senate Actions	

A.11286	Assemblymember McDonald	S.9468A	Senator Fahy
Title: An act to amend the not-for-profit corporation law and the estates, powers and trusts law, in relation to perpetual care of cemeteries			
Description: Requires biennial disclosure by trustees or executors of amounts in trust for the perpetual care of cemetery lots to a cemetery association.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/11/26	Reported Referred to Rules		
Senate Actions			
6/5/26	Committed to Rules		

A. 3073	Assemblymember Rozic	S. 9583	Senator Sutton
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal mischief and larceny offenses committed at a place of religious worship and to cemetery desecration			
Description: Enhances criminal penalties for criminal mischief and larceny offenses committed at a place of religious worship and for cemetery desecration; specifies the types of cemetery property and damage thresholds included in the statute for enhanced penalties .			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
1/07/26:	Referred to Codes		
Senate Actions			
3/26/26	Referred to Codes		

A.10785	Assemblymember Norber	S. N/A	Senator N/A
Title: An act to amend the penal law, in relation to the crimes of disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service in the first and second degrees			
Description: Designates the crime of disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service as disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service in the second degree and adds the crime of disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service in the first degree as a class E felony.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		

5/13/26	Referred to Codes – Held for consideration in Codes
Senate Actions	
N/A	N/A

A.11146-B	Assemblymember Wieder	S. 9930-B	Senator Sutton
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation the handling of certain unclaimed bodies			
Description: Requires entities having possession of unclaimed bodies of deceased persons to enter information into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System or any successor database.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/29/26	Passed Assembly		
Senate Actions			
6/3/26	Passed Senate		

A. 11151	Assemblymember Braunstein	S.10255	Senator Comrie
Title: An act to amend the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to establishing requirements for applications for major renovations or alterations and reporting by certain cemetery corporations			
Description: Establishes timeframes that will require the Division of Cemeteries' action on applications submitted for major alteration or major renovations, extends deadlines for Cemeteries annual reporting requirements.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
4/28/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions		
Senate Actions			
5/8/26	Referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions		

A. 7630	Assemblymember Dinowitz	S. 7690	Senator Gianaris
Title: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to the requirements for licensure of funeral directors			
Description: Requires completion of a "discernment period" as part of the mortuary science curriculum; provides specific requirements for mortuary science students to complete as part of their one-year residency period.			
Assembly Actions			
Date:	Action:		
5/26/26	Amend and restore to original print		
Senate Actions			
5/13/26	Passed Senate		

A.11601	Assemblymember Blumencranz	S. NA	Senator NA
Title: An act to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a veterans remembrance civic engagement requirement for graduation from public high schools in New York state			

Description: To ensure that every New York State public high school graduate participates in a meaningful act of remembrance honoring those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States by establishing a Veterans Remembrance Civic Engagement Requirement as a condition of graduation.	
Assembly Actions	
Date:	Action:
6/5/2026	Referred to education
Senate Actions	
Date:	Action: