

NEW YORK STATEWIDE SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL

2009 Bill Tracker

Bill No.	Name	Summary	Status
Healthcare Bills			
A07854 Gottfried, S04884 DUANE	New York Health Plus	Establishes a comprehensive system that provides access to health insurance for New York state residents; establishes the administrative structure as a public benefit corporation.	06/15/2009 reported, referred to ways and means, 04/27/2009 REFERRED TO HEALTH
S03341 DIAZ, A07027 Rivera	Behavioral Health, Chemical Dependency and Long Term Care Act	Enacts the "behavioral health and long-term care act of 2009"; directs the interagency geriatric mental health and chemical dependency planning council to establish a task force on long-term care to restructure long-term care and address mental health and chemical dependency problems.	04/20/2009 In Senate Finance Committee, 04/28/2009 In Assembly Ways and Means Committee
S01955 STACHOWSKI, A06933 Gabryszak	3rd Party Insurance Notification	Requires health insurance companies to allow its senior citizen insureds to designate a third party for notification purposes.	02/10/2009 REFERRED TO INSURANCE, 03/17/2009 referred to insurance
Prescription Bills			
S01645A DIAZ, No Same As	NYS Rx Medical Cost Containment	Amendment to the Elder Law. This program will offer NYS employees and retirees who qualify for EPIC options to fill medical Rx's through a Canadian mail order company.	03/26/2009 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO AGING/ (Print Number S1645A) 03/30/09 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE

S06210 DIAZ, A09207 Crespo	Canadian Prescription Purchase Coverage in EPIC	Creates the New York State Prescription Medication Cost Containment Program in the Elder Law and will allow EPIC participants to voluntarily purchase their prescription medications from Canada.	10/09/2009 REFERRED TO RULES, 10/21/2009 referred to governmental employees
S01839 KLEIN A7743, Fields	Increases Income Eligibility Levels in the EPIC Program	Increases income eligibility levels in the EPIC program from \$35,000 to \$50,000 for unmarried residents and from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for married residents.	05/26/2009 PASSED SENATE 05/26/2009 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 06/15/2009 reported referred to ways and means
S01454 MAZIARZ, No Same As	Prevention of EPIC Benefit Loss from Increase in Social Security	Provides that an individual shall not become ineligible under the EPIC program due to an increase in social security benefits or a public or private pension where such increase does not exceed the CPI.	02/02/2009 REFERRED TO AGING
A03740 Koon, No Same As	Quarterly Deductible Schedule for EPIC Members	Provides for a quarterly deductible schedule for married and single participants of the EPIC program.	01/28/2009 referred to aging
S01840 Klein, No Same As	EPIC Program for the Disabled	Makes certain persons (meeting certain income requirements) who are eligible for or receiving social security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits eligible for elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage.	02/23/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
Medicare/Medicaid Bills			
A07654 Gottfried, No Same As	Protect Low Income Assisted Living Beds	Applies to the regulations that govern enhanced assisted living residences (EALR) to assisted living program (ALP) beds.	04/21/2009 reference changed to health

A00733 Gottfried (MS), S03740A Duane	Language Assistance Services	Medicaid reimbursement for language interpreter services in hospitals and health centers.	02/10/2009 reported referred to ways and means, 05/05/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
A00884 Gottfried, S03835 DUANE	Medicare Part D Co-payments Toward Medicaid Co-pays	Authorizes Commissioner of health to create a system to include co-payments billed to a Medicare Part D recipient towards the recipient's total annual Medicaid co-payments.	02/04/2009 reported referred to ways and means, 04/21/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
A06405 Ortiz No same as	Medicaid Rx Senior Expansion	Establishes the medicaid prescription senior eligibility expansion program in order to extend prescription drug coverage to qualified medicare beneficiaries and special low-income medicare beneficiaries.	3/3/2009 Referred to Aging
Transportation Bills			
S01555 DIAZ, A01968 Clark	DOT Survey of Senior Pedestrian Accidents	Authorizes DOT to conduct a statewide survey to determine areas with a high incidence of pedestrian accidents involving senior citizens; requires commissioner to undertake a comprehensive study of mitigating dangers in any and all areas in which the survey indicates the need to take action.	06/02/2009 passed assembly, 06/02/2009 delivered to senate, 07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
A03731 Dinowitz, S02026 GOLDEN	Pooled Purchasing for Services/MV Insurance	Provides NYSOFA with the ability to pool purchasing requests for automobile and liability insurance; the result should be lower costs for those entities under the jurisdiction of SOFA that provide transportation services.	1/28/09 Referred to Aging, 07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
S01386 DUANE, A03954 Kellner	MTA Disabled Riders Council	Establishes an advisory council which has a non-voting member seat on the MTA, which is comprised by regular transit users, who are also people with disabilities, in order to ensure better oversight of how the Authority accommodates riders with disabilities.	06/02/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE, 05/11/2009 passed assembly, 05/11/2009 delivered to senate, 05/11/2009 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION
Housing Bills			

S01556 DIAZ, Jeffries (MS)	Bureau of Senior Tenants Advocate	Establishes the bureau of the senior tenants' advocate within NYSOFA; provides that the senior tenants' advocate shall assist senior citizen tenants in resolving complaints they may have with housing and community renewal, landlord disputes, rent increases, and other housing related matters.	06/02/2009 passed assembly, delivered to senate, 07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
S04239A KRUEGER, A08702 Cahill	Middle Class Circuit Breaker (Omnibus Bill)	Creates the middle class circuit breaker tax credit and a tax reform study commission.	06/01/2009 AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, 06/04/2009 referred to ways and means.
A1371 Englebright, S2029 GOLDEN	Reverse Loan Mortgage Program for Seniors	An act to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishment of a reverse mortgage loan program for low income seniors. The goal of the program would be to enable low income senior homeowners to use the equity in their homes to pay for their long term care needs while staying in their own home. It would be authorized by the State of New York Mortgage Agency.	1/7/2009 Referred to Housing 02/11/09 REFERRED TO CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS
A03397 Englebright, S04981 FOLEY	Model Zoning for Age-integrated Communities	Requires model zoning and planning guidelines that foster age-integrated communities to include provisions to allow for accessory senior citizen units in areas zoned for single family residences and for mixed-use development accommodating senior citizen residential housing.	2/23/2009 Passed Assembly; Delivered to Senate; 04/27/2009 Referred to Senate Aging
A02787 Dinowitz, S02216 DIAZ	Senior Housing Opportunities Partnership Act	To provide senior housing financing for NORCs, adult homes, market rate independent, and others. Will work with small-cap banks and developers to expand senior housing in this State.	01/21/2009 referred to aging, 03/16/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
A00516 Kavanagh No same as	SCRIE Extension	Increases allowable maximum income eligibility level to any amount up to \$50,000 of persons occupying rental units under provisions applicable to senior citizens' rent increase exemption (SCRIE). Not only low income, but also middle income seniors feel the burden of the escalating costs in rent. This bill would allow them to remain in their current residences.	01/07/2009 Referred to Aging

A01800 Dinowitz S2210 DIAZ	Exclude Medical Expenses from Income for SCRIE Eligibility	Excludes expenditures for medical care not covered by insurance from the definition of "income" for the purpose of a real property tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens. (Would expand eligibility for SCRIE)	07/10/2009 delivered to governor 07/21/2009 vetoed memo.12 07/22/2009 tabled
A03790 Dinowitz, S02208 DIAZ	Senior Housing Task Force	Establishes a senior housing task force for the purposes of conducting a state-wide assessment of senior housing needs taking into consideration the various geographical areas and different needs of the seniors in those areas and resources available in those different areas.	01/28/2009 referred to aging, 07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
A02151 Englebright, No Same As	Increase in Income Limit for Seniors STAR Exemption	Provides relief for senior citizens through the STAR program, setting the base figure for the exemption for the 2008-2009 school year at seventy-five thousand eight hundred dollars for eligible senior citizens, and the base figure for the basic Star exemption at thirty thousand dollars.	01/15/2009 referred to aging
S00535 ALESI No same as	Repeals Income Limitation for STAR Program	Repeals the income limitation for the senior citizen enhanced school tax relief (STAR) exemption for the 2004-2005 school year and thereafter; applies beginning 2010 and thereafter.	02/09/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
S01339 SKELOS A6763 Farrell	Reverse Mortgage for Seniors	Provides that a lender providing a reverse mortgage to a person who is 60 years of age or older may receive not more than 20% of the future appreciation of property secured by the mortgage as consideration for providing such reverse mortgage.	07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES, 03/12/2009 referred to judiciary
A02446 O`Donnell, No Same As	Rent Protection for Senior Citizens	Provides additional rent protection for senior citizens where their rent is more than one-half of their income; additional protection, not a substitute for rent protection.	01/15/2009 referred to aging

A03188 Pheffer, No Same As	Annual Adjustment for SCRIE benefit	Provides for annual adjustment by the commissioner of housing and community renewal of the maximum income threshold for eligibility for the senior citizens` rent increase exemption (SCRIE) and for the municipal property tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens by any increase in the consumer price index.	01/23/2009 referred to aging
A01644 Bing, No Same As	Exclude Social Security and SSI from SCRIE benefit	Excludes social security payments and supplemental security income from the definition of "income" for the purposes of determining eligibility under the senior citizen rent increase exemption (SCRIE).	02/20/2009 reference changed to Aging
A01149 Gunther No same as	Real Property Tax Cap	Caps the amount of taxes a senior has to pay on his or her real property at the amount paid in the year he or she turned 70; the individual claiming the limitation must be the owner of the property and must reside in the property for at least seventy-five percent of the year.	01/07/2009 Referred to Real Property Taxation
A01834 Dinowitz, S02217 DIAZ	Expand Services to NORCS	Expands supportive services to the elderly in naturally occurring retirement communities by enlarging target group through eliminating head of household requirement, and including more such communities by reducing the number of elderly needed to qualify.	1/12/09 Referred to Aging, 04/20/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
S01028 KRUGER A5610 Dinowitz	Protects Seniors from Eviction in NYC due to Condominium Conversion	Provides that a person sixty-two years of age or older, who is a tenant of a dwelling unit located in a building which is located in the city of New York, and who is threatened with eviction because such building is subject to a cooperative or condominium conversion plan, shall be entitled to remain in occupancy of such dwelling unit.	07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES, 02/13/2009 referred to housing

Caregiver Bills

S01557 DIAZ A01840 Dinowitz	Caregiver Support Program	Creates a caregiver support program for grandparents and other older adult relative caregivers who are providing primary care for children aged 18 and under either formally or informally to provide technical assistance, counseling and other resources.	07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES, 06/02/2009 reported referred to ways and means
A02656 Englebright, S01574 GOLDEN	Caregiver`s Assistance Act	Establishes the "Caregiver`s Assistance Act" giving income tax credits and deductions and a real property tax exemption to certain persons who help seniors.	01/21/2009 referred to ways and means 05/19/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
A03696 Englebright, S02034 GOLDEN	Adult Day Respite Demo Program	Creates adult day services respite demonstration programs; which extends the period a caregiver can remain active in the care of elderly or disabled individuals.	01/28/2009 referred to health 2/11/2009 REFERRED TO HEALTH
Elder Abuse Bills			
A02943 Clark, S0138 SAMPSON	Neglect of a Elderly or Disabled Class A Misdemeanor	Establishes the crime of criminal neglect of a vulnerable elderly person or a person with a disability as a class A misdemeanor	01/22/2009 referred to codes 07/16/2009 COMMITTED TO RULES
LTC Bills			
A03387 Clark, No Same As	Ombudsman Program Funding	Appropriates 2 million dollars to the state office for the aging for the local long term care ombudsman program.	01/27/2009 referred to aging
Other Bills			
S03194 Klein, A05021 Towns	Funeral Price Packaging	OPPOSE: Provides alternative pricing methods in the sale and offering of funeral merchandise and services; provides for repeal after one year; mandates a report by the state consumer protection board on the effectiveness of alternative pricing methods.	03/12/2009 REFERRED TO HEALTH, 06/15/2009 reported referred to rules

A07035 Weisenberg	Cemetery Board Consumer Reps	Relates to appointing unpaid consumer representatives as non-voting advisers to the cemetery board.	03/18/2009 referred to corporations, authorities and commissions
A07036Weisenberg	Cemetery Customers Bill of Rights	Requires cemetery corporations to provide customers with a bill of rights.	03/18/2009 referred to codes
S03340D Diaz	Home Delivered Meals Asst Program	Establishes the home delivered meal assistance program.	10/21/2009 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO FINANCE 10/21/2009 PRINT NUMBER 3340D
S02550A DIAZ, A07674A Kavanagh	Credit Card Sales Tax Payment Guideline Revision	Requires issuers of debit and credit cards to pay sales and use taxes directly to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.	09/10/2009 LOST, VOTE RECONSIDERED - RESTORED TO THIRD READING, TABLED, 04/27/2009 amend and recommit to ways and means
S.6236 DIAZ	50% tax on the benefits paid to corporate employers who own life insurance policies on their employees or retirees.	Corporate owned life insurance, better known as “dead peasants” or “janitors” insurance, is a life insurance policy that is taken out on low-level employees, often without the knowledge or consent of the employee, and whose families are not named as beneficiaries when the employee or retiree dies. When the employee or retiree dies, these tax free benefits are collected by the employer.	10/09/2009 REFERRED TO RULES

S06209 Diaz	Sr Trust Fund Tax Donation	Relates to establishing the New York state seniors trust fund and directing certain moneys to be deposited in to such fund.	10/09/2009 REFERRED TO RULES
S01518 DUANE, No Same As	Waive Immunity of State under ADA	This will restore the rights of state employees to sue the State of New York for damages due to violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This would allow NYS to be sued in state court for any violation of the ADA's access and accommodation standards.	2/2/09 REFERRED TO CODES
A03733B Dinowitz, S02218B DIAZ	Senior Dental Services Grant	This bill would establish a grant program for the provision of dental services exclusively for seniors in need of assistance. This bill also seeks to compensate those (NFP's & Schools) who have been able to provide dental service to seniors and support their efforts going forward.	05/11/2009 amend and recommit to ways and means 04/28/2009 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE
A04363 Dinowitz, S00709 ADAMS	Tax Credit for Alzheimer's Technology	Provides a tax credit for the purchase of technology to remotely monitor persons with Alzheimer's disease and/or dementia. only applicable when the patient resides at home and will be provided in the form of tax credit equal to the cost of the remote location equipment (up to \$1000).	02/03/2009 referred to ways and means, 01/14/2009 REFERRED TO INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

