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S0042	A0376	Sen. Hoylman-Assy. Gottfried	Requires every general hospital to have a community advisory board.	Sen. Health Committee Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
S0124	A0442	Sen. Hoylman-Assy. Gottfried	Nursing home does not escape liability for its wrongs just because the patient dies or is unable to initiate a suit on his or her own behalf.	Senate Health Committee Passed Assembly
S0146	A1190	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Dinowitz	Excludes non-recurring income from the definition of "income" for the purposes of eligibility for the EPIC program.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Ways & Means Committee
S0152	A2735	Sen. Squadron - Assy. Rozic	Requires large employers and chain stores in New York State to pay a defined living wage - $15 - indexed to inflation.	Sen. Labor Committee Assy. Labor Committee
S0176	None	Sen. Diaz	Requires use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in nursing homes, residential care facilities, senior centers and adult homes.	Sen. Health Committee
S0266	A5354	Sen. Diaz-Assy. Cymbrowitz	Requires use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in nursing homes, residential care facilities, senior centers and adult homes.	Sen. Aging Committee Passed Assembly
S0301	A3829	Sen. Espaillat - Assy. Gottfried	Improves current reporting requirements related to adult care facility resident deaths or attempted suicides and felonies committed against residents.	Sen. Health Committee Passed Assembly
S0358	A5344	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Creates a caregiver support program for older adult relative caregivers who are providing primary care for children aged 18 and under.	Senate Finance Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S0421	A1474	Sen. Marcellino - Assy. Montesano	Establishs a reasonable fee for electronic copies of medical records and patient information so that no qualified person shall be denied access to patient information solely because of the inability to pay.	Senate Health Committee. Assy. Health Committee

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S0465	A1087	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Dinowitz	Reminder mechanism for renewal for senior citizens enrolled in the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption Program.	Sen. Aging Committee Passed Assembly
S0470	A1999	Sen. Diaz- Assy. Dinozwitz	Authorizes State of New York to purchase bulk prescription drugs from Canada for seniors.	Assembly Aging Committee Senate Aging Committee
S0478	A0294	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Dinowitz	Best practices guide for retaining employees who are informal caregivers.	Sen. Aging Committee Awaiting Full Assembly vote
S0479	A5337	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Requires establishment of model community programs, including a model telephone.	Sen. Aging Committee Passed Assembly
S0485	A0617	Sen. LaValle - Assy. Rosenthal	Provides for the labeling of raw agricultural commodities, processed foods, seed, and seed stock produced with genetic engineering.	Sen. Rules Committee Assy. Codes Committee
S0566	A2123	Sen. Latimer - Assy. Abinanti	Establishes an aging in place task force to study how the state can encourage aging in place.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S0599	A1108	Sen. Diaz - Assy. Gunther	Establishes the New York certified retirement community program designating communities advantageous for retirees to live.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S0626	None	Sen. Valesky	Establishes the capital infrastructure grant program for aging services providers.	Sen. Aging Committee
S0639	A5336	Sen. Valesky - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Authorizes banks to refuse payment when there is reason to believe a vulnerable adult is being exploited.	Passed Senate Assy. Aging Committee
S0641	A3891	Sen. Valesky - Assy. Morelle	Expands definition of caregiver in penal law to allow prosecution of unpaid caregivers who commit act against vulnerable adult.	Awaiting Full Senate Vote Assy. Codes Committee
S0718	A2283	Sen. Rivera - Assy. Gottfried	Provides that residents of adult care facilities have a right to be informed about their condition, treatment and medications.	Sen. Social Services Committee Passed Assembly
S0782	A8580	Sen. Hannon- Assy.Gunther	The "safe staffing for quality care act" to require hospitals & nursing homes to implement direct-care nurse to patient ratios (See A8580).	Senate Health Committee Assy. Ways & Means Committee

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S0852	A0083	Sen. Klein - Assy. Dinowitz	Requires the Office of Children & Family Services to track & report elder abuse.	Awaiting Full Senate Vote Assy. Aging Committee
S0864	A1856	Sen. Martins - Assy. Farrell	Limits the amount a lender can receive on future appreciation of secured property inder reverse mortgage.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Judiciary Committee
S1049	A2141	Sen. Montgomery - Assy. Gottfried	Requires a registered nurse on staff at facilities certified for enhanced assisted living or special needs assisted living.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Health Committee
S1074	A5416	Sen. Golden - Assy. Englebright	Increases maximum income eligibility levels for real property tax exemptions for seniors, annually to $16,800 by 2018.	Passed Senate Assy. Aging Committee
S1092	A6796	Sen. Avella- Assy. Abbate	Provides protections to retirees whose pensions are sold-out or transferred by their former employers, a strategy commonly referred to as pension de-risking.	Senate Insurance Committee Assembly Insurance Committee
S1124	None	Sen. Carlucci	Ensures the rights of an individual with a disability or a vulnerable adult during investigations conducted by the justice center.	Sen. Finance Committee
S1277	None	Sen. Peralta	Consumer Credit Fairness Act.	Sen. Judiciary Committee
S1417	None	Sen. Kennedy	Includes the financial exploitation of the elderly or disabled within the definition of the crime of larceny.	Awaiting Full Senate Vote
S1449	A9338	Sen. Golden - Assy. Simon	Establishes an Alzheimer's disease outreach and education program for medical and non-medical professionals to promote earlier identification of Alzheimer's and to provide information and other assistance in finding community support for caregivers.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S1458	A9333	Sen. Golden - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Defines assessment exemptions for living quarters for a parent or grandparent.	Senate Aging Committee Assy. Real Property Taxation Committee

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S1480	A1472	Sen LaValle - Assy. Englebright	Establishes a capped property school tax rate for persons seventy years of age or older who meet the eligibility requirements for the enhanced STAR exemption.	Senate Finance Committee Assy. Real Property Tax Committee
S1681	None	Sen. Little	Authorizes dispensing audiologists, employed by a otolaryngologist who has conducted an evaluation for hearing loss, to dispense hearing aids for a profit.	Sen. Consumer Protection Committee
S1720	A6591	Sen. Parker- Assy. Crespo	Enhances the fitness and safety requirements for older drivers, establishes the "New York state task force on the effects of aging on driving ability". Mandates physical examinations starting at the seventh application submission for the renewal of a driver's license.	Sen. Transportation Committee Assy. Transportation Committee
S1913	A1675	Sen. Little - Assy. Crouch	Extends the enhanced STAR exemption to the disabled surviving spouse of a previously qualifying individual.	Senate Finance Committee Assy. Real Property Tax Committee
S1995	A4190	Sen. Golden - Assy. Abbate	Allows public retiree to receive reimbursement for Medicare Part D.	Senate Finance Committee Assy. Government Employees Commitee
S2289	None	Sen. Dilan	Establishes a statewide toll-free elderly abuse hotline.	Sen. Aging Committee
S2315	A5671	Sen. Klein - Assy. Gjonaj	Additional tax credit inducements to encourage individuals to purchase long term care insurance when they are younger.	Senate Investigations Committee Assy. Insurance Committee
S2472	A6390	Sen. Parker - Assy. Simon	Study and investigate the effects of closures of long term care facilities on the residents of such facilities and their families.	Sen. Aging Committee. Assy. Ways & Means Committee
S2690	A5470	Sen. Golden - Assy. Dinowitz	Eligibility for the basic STAR exemption and enhanced STAR exemption to real property owned by a non-spouse relative of a senior citizen who shares such primary residence with such senior citizen.	Sen. Finance Committee Assy. Real Property Taxation Committee

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S3004	A3870	Sen. Addabbo-Assy. Nolan	Paid Family and Medical Leave.	Senate Labor Committee Passed Assembly
S3011	A7609	Sen. Seward Assy. Pretlow	Allows life and health insurance companies to offer non-insurance services and products (including funeral and grief planning) to induce people to buy insurance policies.	Sen. Insurance Committee Assy. Insurance Committee
S3165	None	Sen. Stavisky	The senior citizens' rent increase exemption (SCRIE) shall be applicable where the rent constitutes more than one-fourth rather than one-third of the tenant's income.	Sen. Aging Committee
S3299	A1068	Sen. Klein - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Provides tax benefits for caregivers who pay for elderly dependent care during work hours, also employer credit for provision of same.	Sen. Investigations Committee Assy. Ways&Means Committee
S3301	None	Sen. Klein	Paid Family and Medical Leave.	Senate Labor Committee
S3356	A0180	Assy. Dinowitz-Sen. Savino	Creates the state office of the utility consumer advocate to represent interests of residential utility customers.	Sen. Energy Committee Awaiting Full Assembly vote
S3361	A8184	Assy. Cusick-Sen. Lanza	Establishes a yellow dot program under which vehicle occupants' medical information is available in the glove compartment.	Passed Senate Assy. Transportation Committee
S3398	A7161	Sen. Golden - Assy. Cymbrowtiz	Transfer of medical records within 160 days of notification to NYS that practice is over or transferred.	Sen. Higher Educ. Committee Assy. Health Committee
S3444	A4343	Sen. Stewart Cousins - Assy. Robinson	Requires adult homes, enriched housing programs, and assisted living residences to provide written notice to residents if a temporary operator has been appointed due to a Health Department finding of serious problems.	Sen. Finance Committee Passed Assembly
S3525	A5062	Sen. Perkins-Assy. Gottfried	Establishes NY Health as a comprehensive single payor health plan.	Senate Health Committee Assembly Health Committee
S3685	A2129	Assy. Rosenthal-Sen. Savino	Allows terminally ill to the choice to die on their own terms with dignity.	Assembly Health Committee Senate Health Committee

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S3802	None	Sen. Sanders	Requires labeling of genetically modified food products.	Sen. Consumer Protection Committee
S3854	A4252	Sen. Lanza - Assy. DenDekker	Directs the office for the aging to conduct a study of fees and charges assessed to residents of assisted living facilities.	Sen. Aging Committee Passed Assmebly
S3865	None	Sen. Perkins	Provides for annual adjustment 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 (CPI).	Sen. Aging Committee
S4080	A0127	Sen. Murphy - Assy. Buchwald	Authorizes certain audiologists and hearing aid dispensers to dispense hearing aids for a profit.	Sen. Consumer Protection Committee Assy. Higher Education Committee
S4147	None	Sen. Robach	Reassurance program and a model visiting program for elders.	Senate Health Committee
S4152	A5635	Sen. LaValle- Assy. Thiele	If a senior citizen purchases real property after the taxable status date they shall be eligible for the enhanced STAR exemption.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Real Property Tax Comm.
S4348	A0355	Sen. Hannon - Assy. Rosenthal	Requires health care practitioners to complete course work or training in pain management and palliative care.	Awaiting Full Senate Vote Assembly Health Committee
S4642	A6510	Sen. Golden- Assy.Weinstein	Prevents the use of the guardianship law for the primary purpose of bill collection and would correct erroneous cross references to the power of attorney law.	Senate Mental Health Committee Passed Assembly
S4748	A5565	Sen. Savino- Assy. Kavanaugh	Would continue the $50,000 income eligibility limit for SCRIE and DRIE which expires 7-1-16.	Senate Aging Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S5122	None	Sen. Valesky	NYSOFA to develop materials on social adult day care programs and provide such materials to hospital discharge coordinators.	Senate Aging Committee

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S5814	A5261	Sen. Bonacic-Assy. Paulin	Allows terminally ill to the choice to die on their own terms with dignity.	Senate Health Committee Assembly Health Committee
S5855	A7188	Sen. Parker-Assy. Glick	Implement the Community First Choice Option by authorizing advanced practice home health aides.	Senate Higher Education Committee Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
S5999	A7628	Sen. Parker-Assy. Barron	Establishes an interagency council to coordinate planning on issues related to older adults which shall assess current programs and services across multiple agencies.	Senate Aging Committee Passed Assembly
S6045	A8332	Sen. Savino - Assy. Rodriguez	Creates a self-sufficient retirement savings program in the form of an automatic enrollment payroll deduction IRA.	Sen. Civil Service & Pensions Committee Assy. Governmental Employees Committee
S6214	A8228	Sen. Golden-Assy. Cymbrowitz	Allows SCRIE/DRIE participants to get back to their previous frozen rent if they reapply after a non-recurring item of income causes them to be ineligible for SCRIE/DRIE for a year.	Sen. Local Government Committee Assy. Ways & Means Committee
S6244	None	Sen. Squadron	Extends the senior citizen and persons with disabilities rent increase exemption program to dwelling units subject to orders of a rent guideline board.	Senate Finance Committee
S6427	A9194	Sen. Lanza - Assy. Simotas	Authorizes eligible surviving members of the household to apply for a transfer of the head of household's benefit under the SCRIE and DRIE programs.	Signed into Law
S6596	A0285	Sen. Defrancisco - Assy. Weinstein	Changes the statutue of limitations for suing for patient harm from day the negligent incident occurred, to the day patient discovers that it occurred.	Senate Judiciary Committee Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
S6823	A7999	Sen. Golden - Assy. Cymbrowitz	New eligibility provisions for NORCs and Neighborhood NORCs including changes to the minimum number of older adults and required density of older adults.	Included in State Budget

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S6963	A9712	Sen. Persaud - Assy. Richardson	Adds financial literacy to the list of congregate services provided to elderly people.	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Aging Committee
S7161	A9130	Sen. Savino - Assy. Cymbrowitz	Ensures that all social adult day programs in the state are subject to the same oversight by the State Office for the Aging (SOFA).	Sen. Aging Committee Assy. Ways & Means Committee
S7247	A9479	Sen. Seward - Assy. Weprin	Creates an Office for Community Living related to disability services and policy.	Sen. Finance Committee Assy. Government Operations
None	A0154	Assy. Weinstein	Lets adult home residents go to court for a court-appointed receiver to operate the adult home when the operator has endangered the health, safety, or welfare of the residents.	Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
None	A0308	Assy. Rosenthal	Simplifies Signing of Health Care Proxies - Requires only one witness signature, not two, for a health care proxy, and makes forging a health care proxy a felony.	Assy. Health Committee
None	A0415	Assy. Gottfried	Diverts patients from admission to nursing homes not providing basic standards of care.	Assy. Health Committee
None	A0439	Assy. Gottfried	Establishes a training program for direct-care staff working in adult homes with a minimum of 40 hours of instruction.	Assy. Health Committee
None	A0641	Assy. Rosenthal	Requires labeling of genetically modified seeds.	Assy. Agriculture Committee
None	A1003	Assy. Rosenthal	Requires pre-admission notification of policies authorizing the refusal to follow directives in health care proxies that are contrary to a hospital's operating principles.	Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
None	A1150	Assy. Rodriguez	Establishes the Senior Center Council to provide a forum for the discussion of challenges facing senior centers.	Assembly Ways & Means Committee

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None	A1174	Assy. Rodriguez	Restores "Prescriber Prevails" - Restores "prescriber prevails" rules to Medicaid managed care programs. If a Medicaid managed care plan denies prior authorization for a prescription for a particular drug, and the patient's health care professional persists in choosing that drug, the prescription would be covered.	Assy. Ways & Means Committee
None	A1489	Assy. Wright	Provides that applicants for or recipients of food stamps shall not be subjected to finger imaging as a requirement of the food stamp program.	Assembly Social Services Committee
None	A2036	Assy. Pretlow	Improvements to the surrogate decision making act regarding the incapacity of patients to make health care decisions.	Assy. Codes Committee
None	A2470	Assy. O'Donnell	Authorizes geriatric parole for certain prisoners age 60 and older.	Assy. Codes Committee
None	A2527	Assy. Englebright	Senior Care Choices Program allows NYSOFA to coordinate medical services and provide long term care support services to elders at risk of institutionalization through a Medicaid waiver.	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A2594	Assy. Englebright	Requires medical training include training in geriatric medicine.	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A2670	Assy. Englebright	Changes definitions in the Naturally Occuring Retirement Community (NORC) law to expand opportunity for NORC model.	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A2759	Assy. Dinowitz	Creates the senior benefits card program to enable and encourage seniors to purchase healthy and appropriate foods at a discounted price.	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A2805	Assy. Weprin	Allows a reverse mortgage on a cooperative apartment, life estate, trust and leasehold interest all things the FHA program permits. Makes other definition changes.	Assy. Housing Committee

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None	A2856	Assy. Titus	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).	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A3137	Assy. Titone	Provides retroactivity to the original date of eligibility for the senior citizens rent increase exemption (SCRIE).	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A3394	Assy. Titone	Requires all charities, fundraisers, or professional solicitors to disclose to donors the allocation of their donated funds.	Assy. Government Operations Committee
None	A3618	Assy. Brennan	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 consumer price index.	Assy. Ways & Means Committee
None	A4233	Assy. Abinanti	The NY Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act.	Assy. Consumer Protection Committee
None	A4422	Assy. McKevitt	Requires health professional continuing education in identification of elder abuse.	Assy. Higher Education Committee
None	A4438	Assy. Weinstein	Consumer Credit Fairness Act.	Assembly Judiciary Committee
None	A4871	Assy. 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.	Awaiting Full Assembly Vote
None	A5323	Assy. Cymbrowitz	Changes definitions in the Naturally Occuring Retirement Community (NORC) law to expand opportunity for NORC model.	Assy. Aging Committee
None	A5820	Assy. Gottfried	Relates to violations of safety in adult care facilities.	Assembly Codes Committee
None	A7351	Assy. Gottfried	Establishes standards for informed consent for psychotropic medications in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities.	Passed Assembly. Senate Health Committee

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None	A8566	Assy. Simon	Increase from 90 to 120 days notice of closure of assisted living facility.	Awaiting Full Assembly vote
None	A9123	Assy. Crespo	Authorizes county offices for the aging to process food stamps and low-income home energy assistance program applications.	Assembly Aging Committee
None	A9143	Assy. Cymbrowitz	Authorizes the office for the aging to conduct a public education campaign relating to elder abuse.	Assy. Ways & Means Committee
None	A9608	Assy. Crespo	Creates the multi-disciplinary team demonstration program for complex cases of adult abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.	Assembly Aging Committee