



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senate Passes Bill to Raise Age Limit for State Troopers

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### Klein Encourages Qualified New Yorkers to Apply

ALBANY, NY—Today the NYS Senate passed S1904A, introduced by Deputy Majority Leader Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), to increase the age limit at which a citizen can apply to the New York State Police, from 29 to 35. Under current law, the superintendent has the discretion to increase the maximum age to 35 years, but is not required to do so. This proposed change would also be consistent with the NYPD age limit of 35. In addition, the age

of 35 would still allow for the completion of potential service careers of 20 years or more (mandatory retirement age for a NYS Trooper is 57) while increasing the pool of qualified candidates interested in pursuing such a career.

"In these economically trying times we want to increase opportunities for qualified individuals to serve our state. Americans are living longer healthier lives and current law should reflect our 21st century reality. I admire anyone who devotes their life's work to keeping our state safe. We cannot afford to turn down talent because of an outdated statute," said Klein.