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Governor Signs Bonacic Legislation Authorizing Not-for-Profit Institutions to Receive Donated Computers From Municipalities

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New law to benefit senior citizens and low income New Yorkers

Legislation sponsored by State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I – Mt Hope), which will allow municipalities to donate surplus computers to not-for-profit institutions for use by senior citizens or low income individuals was signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

The new law, (S.5667) expands the current law; which allows municipalities to donate computers to schools, libraries and not-for-profits for use by individuals with disabilities; by authorizing local governments to also donate to not-for-profit institutions for use by senior citizens or low income individuals as well.

"In today's technologically advanced world, a computer is an indispensable tool and this law will give senior citizens and low income New Yorkers access to computers that are no longer needed by municipalities," Governor Cuomo said. "Computer literacy is often a requirement for employment and staying connected with friends and family, and this law will help not-for-profit organizations provide important services to New Yorkers. I thank the sponsors, Senator Bonacic and Assemblywoman Jaffee, for their support of this legislation."

"This will enable not-for-profit institutions to refurbish and redistribute workable computers to citizens who can benefit from affordable access to technology. Computers are often a prerequisite to finding a job and having a working sense of technology can improve one's chances of being hired. I thank Governor Cuomo for signing this legislation that I believe will help New Yorkers be better prepared for the job market, while providing a common sense way for municipalities to dispose of surplus technological equipment," said Senator Bonacic.

The law takes effect immediately.

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