



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jack M. Martins

## Senator Martins Passes Bill to Increase Penalties for Drug Dealers

JACK M. MARTINS March 21, 2013

| ISSUE: **CRIME, LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

| COMMITTEE: **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### *Dealers Who Sell Drugs to Minors Under 14 to Face Stiffer Penalties*

The New York State Senate passed legislation, sponsored by Senator Jack M. Martins, toughening the penalties for drug dealers who sell to children.

The bill (S.988) makes the sale of drugs by an adult to a child under the age of 14 a class A-II felony.

“We need a no-nonsense policy when it comes to drug pushers who prey on our children,” said Senator Martins. “There is no excuse for anyone selling drugs to children 14 and younger. This bill holds them accountable. And makes sure they are taken off the streets.”

The bill will be sent to the Assembly.