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## New Laws That Take Effect January 1, 2014

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### NEW STATE LAWS IN 2014

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**Small Business Income Tax Reduction** – Starting next year, hundreds of thousands of small businesses that pay under the state’s personal income tax will see a \$35 million tax reduction this year. This is the first year of a three-year tax cut phase-in. Over the next three years, this tax cut will save small businesses \$140 million that they can use to reinvest in their businesses, to grow and create new jobs.

**Tax Relief for Manufacturers** – Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, the state’s corporate tax on manufacturers will be reduced by almost 10 percent, saving about 13,000 manufacturing companies \$30 million in 2014, and a cumulative, three-year total of \$120 million by 2017-18 when the tax reduction is fully phased-in. This change will reduce costs for manufacturers and enable them to be more competitive.

**Family Tax Relief** -- Another Senate Republican tax relief initiative that starts next year is the Family Tax Relief program which will provide middle class families with a total of \$375 million in tax relief in 2014, and more than a billion dollars total by 2017. Over the next three years, each New York family with at least one dependent child and a household income between \$40,000 and \$300,000 will receive \$350 in direct tax relief.

**Minimum Wage Increase and Reimbursement Tax Credit** – As of January 1, 2014, the state’s minimum wage will increase from \$7.25 an hour to \$8 an hour. The increase is coupled with a new Minimum Wage Reimbursement Tax Credit to help offset some of the increased wage costs for businesses.

**Legalized Casino Gaming** – In November, voters approved a constitutional amendment enacting the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013 (Chapter 174 [S5883](#) Senator Bonacic). The new law legalized

casino gaming in New York as of January 1st and allows for the establishment of four destination gaming resorts.

**Hannah's Law --** This new law (Chapter 388, [S2287A](#) Senator Ball) will ensure adequate insurance coverage for patients living with conditions such as Eosinophilic esophagitis - a life-threatening illness that makes it impossible to eat most foods. Prior to this law, some insurance companies only covered the cost of administering nourishment via feeding tubes, even if oral feeding was an option for the patient. This bill requires coverage for administering food through feeding tubes or oral feeding.

**Hepatitis C Screening –** Beginning on January 1, a new law (Chapter 425, [S2750A](#) Senator Hannon) will require individuals born between 1945 and 1965 to be offered a hepatitis C screening test when receiving health services from hospital inpatient care or outpatient care. There are an estimated 3.2 million Americans infected with hepatitis C and 75 percent are people born between 1945 and 1965.

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