



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John J. Bonacic

## Senator Bonacic Acts to Protect Corrections Officers and PEF Employees

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(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) announced today that his bill, S.2046 has passed the Senate. The bill would protect correctional employees by amending section 240.32 of the Penal Law which, would add saliva to the already existing list of fluids and adds intentionally expectorating to the list of actions. S.2046 would provide that such behavior would be classified as aggravated harassment of an employee.

“I am proud to sponsor this bill, which would provide some additional protections to employees of correctional facilities,” said Bonacic. “Working in corrections is a dangerous job, and this legislation goes a long way to safeguard the brave men and women who serve. By prohibiting the tossing, throwing, expelling and expectorating of any bodily fluid, the men and women serving in our corrections facilities will know that the inmates will face further criminal prosecution if they decide to act in this way.”

The bill has been sent to the Assembly.