



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Pete Harckham

## Harckham Finishes 2022 with 23 of His Bills Signed into Law

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*Albany, NY* – New York State Senator Pete Harckham is concluding 2022 as his most productive year yet in terms of having legislation he introduced being passed and signed into law, with 23 of his bills receiving signatures from the Governor, up from 16 last year.

“New Yorkers continue to face immense challenges that demand real action, and so I made sure to draft bills that safeguarded residents, boosted our economy and assisted our municipalities,” said Harckham. “Whether it means protecting our workforce or our environment further, helping veterans and those with Substance Use Disorder in new ways, or working together to ensure a stronger future for our communities, I will keep looking for innovative and inspired approaches to being productive. I am grateful to Senate

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, my colleagues in the State Legislature and Governor Hochul for their support.”

In total, Harckham was the prime sponsor on 176 bills that were introduced or amended, an increase from last year’s total of 137. The State Senate approved 56 of these bills and the full State Legislature approved 32 in 2022.

Notable among Harckham’s bills signed into law this year was [S.7788](#), which requires that 100% of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks shall be zero-emissions by 2035, and that the state transitions to 100% percent zero-emissions from new off-road vehicles and equipment purchased beginning in 2035.

“As we work to achieve the ambitious goals in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, the best way to ramp up our fight against the climate crisis is to put more vehicles on our roadways that are entirely free of carbon and other toxic emissions,” said Harckham. “Enacting this law shows how New York can help lead the nation to positively impact our environment and jumpstart our economy.”

It should be noted that one of Harckham’s most important bills from 2022 was enacted in the FY2023 State Budget:

[S.5116C](#) protects and regulates wetlands and critical habitat areas by removing the jurisdictional barriers that old Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) maps have created.

A number of bills introduced by Harckham and enacted this year were prompted and advanced through his work as chair of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. This includes two signed by Governor Hochul within the last week:

- [S.5690](#) eliminates daily co-pays for visits to Opioid Treatment programs; and
- [S.7378A](#) requires the state’s Department of Health (DOH) to publish reports on the department's website detailing sales of opioids sold in the state and provide information to the public regarding the budget's "Opioid Stewardship Fund" in combating the opioid overdose crisis.

Other signed bills helping to fight the overdose crisis are:

- [S.7693](#) creates a council for treatment equity within the state’s Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to help vulnerable populations; and

- [S.8219A](#) requires an annual report for the independent Substance Use Disorder and mental health ombudsman program.

Two of Harckham's signed bills will help veterans statewide:

- [S.7706](#) ensures that veterans in temporary shelters have access to information about benefits;
- [S.8057](#) expands the scope of the Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Health Project (CHAMP) to include representation for other agencies to help veterans, people with developmental disabilities and other populations facing additional barriers to care.

Other key Harckham bills enacted by Governor Hochul include:

[S.7548](#) requires same-day notification of a parent or person in parental relation of a student with a disability where certain behavioral interventions are used;

- [S.2992](#) places Furnace Brook Lake in the Town of Cortlandt in the state's inland waterway protection criteria;
- [S.6871A](#) allows taxpayer gifts for research and treatment of Lyme Disease;
- [S.7664A](#) offers confidentiality for kidnapping victims;
- [S.8942](#) extends the service and efforts of the real property tax exemption task force;
- [S.8772A](#) requires alternate generated power source at gasoline outlets so they remain open during storms and emergencies; and
- [S.8170](#) establishes the Judge James F. Reitz Memorial Courtroom in the Putnam County Courthouse.

Other Harckham bills enacted in the FY2023 State Budget, include:

- [S.4688A](#) continued a small business grant program worth up to two hundred million dollars for small businesses to address expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- [S.6000](#) allows certain schools to experience no financial harm for reduced enrollment due to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019; and
- [S.1416](#) creates a pathway for “recovery living residences” to become certified by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and requires DMH to make available a list of certified recovery residences on its website.

And signed into law this past week, as well, were two more important Harckham bills:

- [S.6805](#) requires that workplace legal notices regarding worker rights and protections be made available to employees electronically; and
- [S.8553A](#) integrates 2-1-1 into the state’s disaster emergency plan.

For complete information on all legislation sponsored by Senator Harckham, please visit: [www.nysenate.gov/senators/pete-harckham/legislation](http://www.nysenate.gov/senators/pete-harckham/legislation).

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RELATED LEGISLATION

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## **2021-S8553A**

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
  
- Delivered to Governor
  
- Signed By Governor
  
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Relates to the activation of 2-1-1 New York state upon declaration of a state disaster emergency

March 11, 2022

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by **Pete Harckham**

Do you support this bill?