



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Addabbo announces Senate approval of package of crime victims' bills

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. May 16, 2023

| ISSUE: **CRIME, CRIME PREVENTION, CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR, ADDABBO**

New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. and his Senate colleagues approved legislation to strengthen crime victims' rights, protections for survivors and expand SNUG programs. In addition to passing legislation, the Senate secured \$13 million for state victim and witness assistance, \$5 million in grants for assistance to survivors and victims of domestic violence, and \$4.5 million for rape crisis centers in the 2023-2034 state budget.

"Fighting crime is a top priority in Albany, so these bills will help to improve protections, services, and compensation for victims, expand access to sealed records for prosecutors, and expand critical SNUG programs," Addabbo stated. "This legislative package is vital to ensuring victims have the necessary support to heal and recover from their trauma. By strengthening victims' rights and holding offenders accountable for their actions, we can continue restoring public safety in our communities," added Addabbo.

The legislation passed by the Senate includes:

S.936 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Requires statewide housing authorities to grant domestic violence survivors the same preference as granted to other prioritized populations.

S.303 - Expands the definition of "welfare" in order to enable victims of crime to receive reimbursement for personal property that was lost, damaged, or stolen. The reimbursement or replacement of property will assist the victim in regaining stability and maintaining a reasonable standard of living.

S.3340 - Requires reporting of extreme risk protection orders to the statewide, computerized registry of orders of protection and certain arrest warrants.

S.1901 - Enacts Emma's Law, which provides for victim statements at the sentencing of a defendant for a misdemeanor.

S.1951 - Removes the current 10-year period from the crime of persistent sexual abuse.

S.3071 (Addabbo co-sponsor) - Allows prosecutors to access orders of protection issued in association with sealed prior domestic violence cases if the offender commits a new domestic violence offense.

S.3236 - Adds to the definition of a victim of a sexual offense by including a victim of unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image.

S.5916 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Provides clarification that claims filed against governmental entities under the Adult Survivors Act do not require filing a notice of claim or a notice of intention to file a claim.

S.2364 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Establishes an operation SNUG program to provide educational, youth justice, gang prevention, social work, street outreach, and more programs and services that aim to reduce, prevent, or respond to gun violence.

S.214A - Expands eligibility for victims and survivors of crimes to access victim-compensation funds by removing the mandatory law-enforcement reporting requirement,

providing alternative forms of evidence that show a qualifying crime was committed, and the confidentiality of certain records.

S.5502 - Provides additional rights to crime victims and requires the court or district attorney, at sentencing or at the earliest time possible, to provide the victims of said crime with an informational sheet explaining their rights.

“I hope the Assembly will act swiftly to pass these important bills so they can be delivered to the Governor and signed into law. Constituents are counting on us to enact these measures to help address the rise in gun violence and return some stability to the lives of crime victims,” concluded Addabbo.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S936

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes uniform waiting list priorities for domestic violence survivors applying for public housing

January 09, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S303

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to awards made to crime victims

December 30, 2022

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Julia Salazar](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S3340

- Introduced
 - ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
 - ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
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- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the reporting of extreme risk protection orders

January 30, 2023

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Shelley B. Mayer](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S1901

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Provides for victim statements at the sentencing of a defendant for a misdemeanor

January 17, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Toby Ann Stavisky](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S1951

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Relates to removing the ten year time period from the crime of persistent sexual abuse

January 17, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by **Brad Hoylman-Sigal**

Do you support this bill?

2023-S3071

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Enables prosecutors to access orders of protection issued in association with sealed prior domestic violence cases

January 27, 2023

In Senate Committee [Rules](#)

Sponsored by [Nathalia Fernandez](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S3236

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to defining a victim of a sexual offense

January 30, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Luis R. Sepúlveda](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S5916

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Relates to the filing of claims of adult sexual assault survivors](#)

March 22, 2023

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S2364

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Establishes an operation SNUG program](#)

January 20, 2023

In Senate Committee [Finance](#)

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S5502

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to victims assistance

March 06, 2023

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Do you support this bill?

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