



Annual Report 2024

New York State Senate
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Aging

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Aging for the 2024 Legislative Session.

As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under our committee's jurisdiction, including, without limitation: expanding senior services, providing senior housing and ensuring that Older New Yorkers are supported, valued, protected and empowered.

During the 2024 session, this committee met three times in session and reported twenty four Bills, as described in this Report.

I want to thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cordell Cleare".

Cordell Cleare
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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGING

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Aging has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning Elder Law, nursing homes, caregivers, and senior services. During the 2024 Legislative Session, 78 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 24 were reported from the Committee. This work was conducted through a series of 3 Committee Meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2024:

S.887	<p>CLEARE, ASHBY, BORRELLO, CHU, JACKSON, ROLISON, WEBB AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a dementia and Alzheimer's disease program database SUMM : Add §226, Eld L Establishes a dementia and Alzheimer's disease program database. Last Act: 05/13/24 referred to aging</p>
S.1296	<p>SANDERS, CLEARE, JACKSON, MYRIE, ROLISON AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to informal caregiver training SUMM : Amd §206, Eld L Relates to informal caregiver training; defines "person in need of assistance"; expands who may serve as an "informal caregiver". Last Act: 03/21/24 referred to aging</p>
S.1819A	<p>STAVISKY, CHU AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by and real property owned by senior citizens or persons with disabilities SUMM : Amd §§467-b, 467 & 459-c, RPT L Relates to tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by and real property owned by senior citizens or persons with disabilities. Last Act: 05/30/24 referred to aging</p>
S.3128	<p>MANNION, HINCHEY, ROLISON AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to requiring the state to handle the income verification process for the purposes of the senior citizen tax exemption SUMM : Amd §467, RPT L Shifts the conducting of the income verification process for the purposes of the senior citizen tax exemption from municipalities to the department of taxation and finance. Last Act: 06/05/24 referred to aging</p>
S.8760-A	<p>CLEARE, ADDABBO, MAY, PALUMBO, ROLISON, WEBB AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the automatic identification and enrollment of elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program</p>

	<p>enrollees in the home energy assistance program</p> <p>SUMM : Add §245, Eld L Relates to the automatic identification of elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program enrollees who are eligible for HEAP and automatic enrollment of such eligible enrollees in HEAP.</p> <p>Last Act: 06/07/24 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY</p>
S.8865	<p>CLEARE, RHOADS</p> <p>AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to quality improvement and increased consumer transparency in assisted living residences</p> <p>SUMM : Amd §4656, Pub Health L Requires reporting and posting by assisted living facilities relating to quality measures and information concerning rates, rent, and service fees; requires a scoring system of the assisted living quality reporting.</p> <p>Last Act: 12/02/24 delivered to governor</p>
S.9138	<p>CLEARE, COONEY, ROLISON, WEBB</p> <p>AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing the interagency elder justice task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof</p> <p>SUMM : Add §226, Eld L Establishes the interagency elder justice task force consisting of representatives of state agencies whose work involves elder justice to create greater collaboration and develop overarching strategies, systems, and programs with a goal of protecting older adults from abuse and mistreatment.</p> <p>Last Act: 06/04/24 referred to aging</p>

TWO HOUSE BILLS

SENATE AGING COMMITTEE 2 HOUSE

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S08760A	CLEARE	Relates to the automatic identification of elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program enrollees who are eligible for HEAP and automatic enrollment of such eligible enrollees in HEAP.	Substituted By A9369A - Delivered to Governor
S08865	CLEARE	Requires reporting and posting by assisted living facilities relating to quality measures and information concerning rates, rent, and service fees; requires a scoring system of the assisted living quality reporting.	Substituted By A5790B - Chaptered 558

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S00569	KAVANAGH	Relates to establishing a maximum rent of one-third of household income for the senior citizens rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption.	Reported to Senate Finance
S00717	CLEARE	Excludes expenditures for medical care not covered by insurance from the definition of "income" for the purpose of a real property tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens.	Passed the Senate
S00884	MAY	Directs the office for the aging and the department of economic development to expand encore entrepreneurship in the state, to empower individuals fifty years of age or older to establish small businesses.	Reported to Senate Finance
S00887	CLEARE	Establishes a dementia and Alzheimer's disease program database.	Passed the Senate
S01296	SANDERS	Relates to informal caregiver training; defines "person in need of assistance"; expands who may serve as an "informal caregiver".	Passed the Senate
S01491	COMRIE	Provides for the creation of a drug guide for seniors regarding the drugs commonly used by people over 62 years of age; provides that such guide will include functions and drug interactions.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01730	SANDERS	Requires the office for the aging to develop and provide elder abuse prevention training to train senior service centers and contractors in the detection and reporting of elder abuse in consultation with the office of children and family services.	Passed the Senate
S01819A	STAVISKY	Relates to tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by and real property owned by senior citizens or persons with disabilities.	Passed the Senate

S02875	COMRIE	Establishes a senior dental services grant program; authorizes the director to establish the program and, upon the availability of appropriations, provide grants to eligible elderly persons who are in need of such services.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02960A	KAVANAGH	Provides for adjustment of the maximum income threshold for eligibility for the senior citizen rent increase exemption (SCRIE), disability rent increase exemption (DRIE), senior citizen homeowners' exemption (SCHE), and disabled homeowners' exemption (DHE) by any increase in the consumer price index (CPI).	Senate Rules
S03005B	CLEARE	Creates the expanded pharmaceutical insurance coverage panel, to be responsible for expanding pharmaceutical insurance coverage.	Reported to Senate Finance
S03128	MANNION	Shifts the conducting of the income verification process for the purposes of the senior citizen tax exemption from municipalities to the department of taxation and finance.	Passed the Senate
S04349	SEPULVEDA	Relates to providing language access services to individuals relating to the tax abatement program for rent-controlled and rent-regulated property occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities.	Passed the Senate
S04517	FERNANDEZ	Establishes the elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program to provide management services, financial counseling, and mental health services at the conclusion of the discharge process.	Reported to Senate Finance
S06095	CLEARE	Requires a second notification to persons previously eligible for a senior real property tax exemption.	Passed the Senate
S07243	HINCHEY	Relates to dementia care; establishes a dementia care coordinator in the state office for the aging to manage the work of dementia care navigators; requires each area agency to employ a dementia care navigator; sets forth the duties of the dementia care coordinator and dementia care navigators.	Reported to Senate Finance

S07668	CLEARE	Permits a redetermination of a tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities upon a permanent decrease in income.	Reported to Senate Finance
S08656	CLEARE	Creates the office of older adult workforce development within the office for the aging to address the needs of older adults regarding the workplace.	Reported to Senate Finance
S08893	COMRIE	Authorizes localities to provide for an additional real property tax exemption for senior citizens who meet the income eligibility limits and other criteria to the extent of sixty-five percent of the assessed valuation of such real property.	Passed the Senate
S08954	CLEARE	Increases the amount of income property owners may earn for the purpose of eligibility for the property tax exemption for persons over sixty-five years of age; increases such amount to \$75,000.	Passed the Senate
S09125	CLEARE	Requires the division of housing and community renewal, in collaboration with the New York state office for the aging, to establish a publicly accessible online database of available senior housing units; requires the New York state office for the aging to maintain the senior housing unit database.	Reported to Senate Finance
S09138	CLEARE	Establishes the interagency elder justice task force consisting of representatives of state agencies whose work involves elder justice to create greater collaboration and develop overarching strategies, systems, and programs with a goal of protecting older adults from abuse and mistreatment.	Passed the Senate



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