



Short descriptions of the legislative bills used for the 2020 Legislature Ratings

- 1) S. 52-A Hoylman/A. 5991-A Weinstein: CPNYS opposes SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) laws and therefore opposes this bill that amends SLAPP laws in NYS. Be aware that when you are speaking out on a matter of public controversy that involves significant private interests or the reputation of a government official, you may find yourself the target of a SLAPP lawsuit.
- 2) S. 425-A Hoylman/A. 2176 Solages: CPNYS opposes this bill that seeks to protect certain persons from civil arrest when going to, remaining at, or returning from a court appearance or proceeding without a specific judicial warrant/order, thereby protecting undocumented immigrants from civil arrests if there is only an administrative warrant or no warrant.
- 3) S. 2574-C Bailey/A. 1603-C Perry: CPNYS opposes this bill that seeks to establish an Office of Special Investigation within the Office of Attorney General with investigative authority and criminal jurisdiction over any incident in which the death of a person is caused by an act or omission of a police officer or certain peace officers.
- 4) S. 5348-B Kennedy/A. 7463-B Hunter: CPNYS opposes this bill that ends the practice of suspending a driver's license for the non-payment of fines and for failure to appear in court.
- 5) S. 6188-B Gaughran/A. 8172 Santabarbara: CPNYS supports this bill that increases the penalties for illegal actions taken by stretch limousines.
- 6) S. 6266-D Biaggi/A. 8142-E Hyndman: CPNYS opposes this bill that requires the payment of prevailing wages to covered airport workers.
- 7) S.6958 Parker/A.8960 People-Stokes: CPNYS opposes this bill that seeks changes to the bill (S. 2385/A. 1564 – 2019) that established a permanent environmental justice advisory group and an environmental justice interagency coordinating council.
- 8) S. 7082 Hoylman/A. 9036 Rosenthal, L: CPNYS opposes this bill that extends the time in which to file a claim relating to certain child sexual abuse cases.
- 9) S. 7169 Benjamin/A. 8975 Rosenthal, L: CPNYS opposes this bill that ensures that the Dept. of State will consult with multiple advocacy groups in designing the training and educational resources for person engaged in various esthetic occupations, such as nail specialty, waxing, natural hair styling and cosmetology.

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- 10) S. 7503-C Budget/A. 9503-C Budget: CPNYS opposes this budget bill that includes Medicaid funding for abortions.
- 11) S. 7506-B Budget/A. 9506-B Budget: CPNYS opposes this budget bill that includes establishing surrogate parenting in New York.
- 12) S. 7919 Stewart-Cousins/A.9953 Ortiz: CPNYS opposes this bill that allows the governor to issue any directive necessary to respond to a state disaster emergency and allows measures necessary for the protection of the health and safety of New Yorkers due to the threat of the novel coronavirus.
- 13) S. 8259 Harckham/A. 7812-A Rosenthal, L: CPNYS supports this bill that expands the entities allowed to possess, distribute, and administer an opioid antagonist to reverse an opioid-related overdose.
- 14) S. 8415 Bailey/A. 10446 Quart: CPNYS opposes this bill that loosens the restrictions on loitering.
- 15) S. 8492 Parker/A. 1513-B Richardson: CPNYS opposes this bill that establishes civil penalties for summoning a police/peace officer when there is no reason to believe a crime, offense or imminent threat is occurring. CPNYS does not support frivolous calls to 911, but today it is best to be alert and not fear a civil penalty for being cautious.
- 16) S. 8496 Bailey/A. 10611 O'Donnell: CPNYS opposes this bill that repeals section 50-a of the Civil Rights Law; it eliminates the right of privacy for the personnel records used to evaluate performance toward continued employment or promotion of all law enforcement, fire fighters and related jobs in state or local government entities. This bill is unnecessary and redundant when it comes to disciplining rogue law enforcement officers.
- 17) S. 8525 Montgomery/A. 2770-C Bichotte: CPNYS supports this bill that requires hospitals and birthing centers to inform and care for mothers experiencing pre-term labor, the operative word being "care for" not discharge or abort. (Hospitals prior to his bill claimed they could not intervene before 23 weeks.)
- 18) S.8806 Gianaris/A. 8280-C Walker: CPNYS opposes this bill that establishes the automatic voter registration (AVR) within certain agencies, including, but not limited to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Since a driver's license can be acquired without proof of citizenship, CPNYS strongly opposes a bill that could allow non-citizens to register to vote.
- 19) S. 8831 Kaminsky/A. 9542-A Wallace: CPNYS opposes this bill that seeks to require a judge who recuses themselves to provide the reason for recusal. CPNYS believes the Legislature is inserting themselves in a separate branch of government for no valid reason.
- 20) S.8833 Gianaris/A.10839 Zebrowski: CPNYS opposes this first passage of a Constitutional Amendment that seeks to change the redistricting process including redistricting lines for congressional and state districts.