

**Weekly  
Publication  
begins  
January  
2022**

*Beginning in January, our update will publish weekly through June, updating you on the news, events and important policy decisions coming out of the State capitol.*

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## **Out with 2021, In with 2022**

As 2021 comes to a close, the legislative elves remain busy at work, daily sending bills passed in the 2021 legislative session to the Governor. Currently, Governor Hochul has 145 bills sitting on her desk awaiting action, as she prepares her [January 5, 2022 State of the State address](#), which will be delivered in the NYS Assembly chamber for the first time in a decade. The Assembly chamber is the traditional venue for the annual address. During his tenure, former Governor Cuomo had moved the address to the convention center of the Empire State Plaza.

*We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!*

**Governor Hochul:**

Governor Hochul also remains busy filling out her administration, [announcing](#) Daniel Tietz as her nomination to serve as the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) Commissioner.

**SUNY:**

In the wake of Jim Malatras' resignation, the State University of New York System (SUNY) [trustees elevated](#) SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley to serve as the interim chancellor of the 64 campus SUNY system.

**COVID:**

With the spread of the Omicron variant, [and COVID related hospitalizations](#) remaining high, [Governor Hochul's](#) mask mandate/proof of vaccination requirement on all public indoor businesses will remain in effect through at least January 15, 2021.

**NYS Comptroller:**

Statewide local sales tax collections [continue to rebound](#), as collections grew by 17.5% in November compared to the same month in 2020 with the overall collections totaling almost \$1.6 Billion up \$235 million from November 2020.

**New York Governor's Race:**

New York State Attorney General [dropped out](#) of the race for Governor, declining to primary incumbent Governor Hochul. However, Congressman Tom Suozzi [remains in](#) the Democratic primary at the present time as does New York City Public Advocate [Jumaane Williams](#). As AG James exited the Governor race, there was also a [mass exodus](#) as candidates Dan Goldman, Sen. Shelly Mayer, Zephr Teachout, Maria Vullo, and Assemblymember Clyde Vanel dropped out of the primary for NYS Attorney General.



## Legislative news

### **Legislative Activity**

Governor Hochul signed 81 bills this month. Of particular interest were [A6767A \(Woerner\) / S4562A \(Brooks\)](#) allows claims for benefits for death or disability due to vascular rupture for firefighters which was strongly advocated for by PSLLC's client the family of the late John Brooks ; [A4913A \(Zebrowski\) / S1878B \(Skoufis\)](#) relates to including the name of the individual or business enterprise that has been awarded an identical or substantially similar procurement contract in certain notices of procurement contract opportunities.

### **Upcoming Public Hearings**

~January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Senate Standing Committees on Judiciary and Housing, Construction and Community Development. Topic: To discuss the Good Cause Eviction Proposal (S3082/Salazar).

[Check here](#) for the full list.

## From the Governor

### **Rent Supplements for Homeless NYers Announced**

Governor Hochul [announced](#) \$100 million in rent supplements for counties to help homeless individuals and families leave the shelter system for a permanent home. The program will be administered through the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

### **Executive Orders**

In addition to Executive Order 11 (discussed in "Covid Continues" section, Gov. Hochul extended [EO 4](#) with [EO 4.2](#) through December 26. This EO expands the eligible healthcare workforce as well as professionals that can administer vaccinations.

**We expect these EOs to be extended beyond December 26<sup>th</sup>** ([more here](#)).

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