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Scheduled Session Days Down to Three:

Legislature Gears Up for Busy Final Week

As the legislature gears up for the final three days of the scheduled session, it is expected to be a busy week as they seek to wrap up nominations and confirmations as well as the passage of local legislation and address several legislative priorities including potential action on gun control legislation, a state response to the expected Supreme Court decision on Roe V. Wade as well as legislative proposals that have emerged in policy discussions including:

- [S.74A \(Hoylman\) / A.6770 \(Weinstein\)](#) commonly referred to in Albany as the "wrongful death bill," which would allow families to be awarded financial damages for their emotional anguish in actions brought for wrongful death.
- [S.933C \(Gianaris\)](#) and a separate version [A.1812A](#) which is advocated for as anti-trust legislation that would allow recoverable damages and class action lawsuits against corporations that fit the expanded definition of a monopoly or monopsony.
- [S.6813A \(Ramos\) / A7285A \(Weinstein\)](#) which establishes a private right of action for insurance policy holders against an insurer operating in New York that has refused or delayed payment of an insurance claim.

Lt Gov Sworn In: Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado was sworn into office in a ceremony held in New York City this week, formally replacing former Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin. Delgado's resignation from his congressional seat will trigger a special election to fill the remainder of his congressional term. Delgado vowed to listen to New Yorkers from all walks of life and be their voice to get the job done [stating](#) "this has always been the mission, to connect. With these incredible experiences in mind that I can't help...I simply cannot help to welcome with open arms...the opportunity to connect with communities all across this amazing state."

LCA Show: The Legislative Correspondents Association held its annual LCA Show in Albany this week. Known for its humor, [Governor Hochul delivered the rebuttal](#) for the Democrats poking fun at a 10-day period during the budget in which she did not field questions from the press. Governor Hochul also took the opportunity to speak on her priorities for the end of session.

OCM Meeting: The Office of Cannabis Management has announced a June 1, 2022 meeting of the Cannabis Control Board, which will be [livestreamed here](#).



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Legislative Activity

The Legislature is scheduled to be in session three days next week on the 31st, 1st, 2nd (the *2022 Legislative Calendar* can be accessed [here](#)). There were 429 bills passed this week. Of particular note was:

~ [S.8435 \(Comrie\) / A8449 \(Paulin\)](#) which requires certain companies and corporations to report data related to the gender, race, and ethnicity of their employees with the NY Secretary of State.

The Senate Finance Committee met today (Friday, May 27) to consider a range of nominations. The committee announcement is [here](#).

Public Hearings

There are no upcoming public hearings scheduled at this time.

The complete public hearing calendar can always be accessed [here](#).

From the Governor

Governor Opposes Utility Rate Hikes

Governor Hochul [released a statement](#) opposing proposed rate increases for New York State Electric and Gas as well as Rochester Gas & Electric. The Governor indicated that the Public Service Commission is required to review the requests from the utilities that will impact more than 1.2 million consumers, however, she urged the PSC to conduct a very thorough review and implored them to consider the negative impact the rate increase would have on the consumer.

Executive Orders:

While we expect that the *“Statewide Disaster Emergency Due to Healthcare Staffing Shortages (EO 4.8)”* will again be extended prior to expiring on May 30, no new statewide Executive Orders were issued this week, and likewise there were no extensions for existing statewide Executive Orders.

State Agencies

From the New York Office of the Attorney General

Retail Theft Operation Eliminated

On Thursday, Attorney General James and NYC Mayor Adams [announced](#) the “takedown” of a retail theft operation in NYC. According to the announcement, the group stole and resold millions of dollars in goods. Forty-one people were charged for their roles in allegedly stealing and reselling luxury clothing and goods from drug stores. According to the release, the Office of the Attorney General’s Organized Crime Task Force and the NYPD’s Grand Larceny Division seized more than \$3.8 million in stolen goods, more than 550 stolen gift cards and over \$300,000 in cash.

From the New York Office of the NYS Comptroller

Comptroller: SUNY Campuses Need to Tighten Out-Of-State Graduate Student Proof of Residency

A [State Comptroller Audit](#) released on Thursday chided the State University of New York’s (SUNY) efforts to ensure its campuses are upholding in-state residency requirements so that only eligible students receive the benefit of a lower tuition. According to the audit, many campuses had little or no verification of residency for SUNY graduate students, resulting in tuition undercharging. In a [statement the Comptroller](#) said in part “SUNY is enabling graduate students from out-of-state to take advantage of a tuition benefit that is supposed to be reserved for New Yorkers. SUNY’s medical schools and other graduate programs are highly competitive and represent an excellent value, regardless of residency status. SUNY administrators and staff need to ensure that tuition is charged correctly for both in-state and out-of-state students.”

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