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**Economic Development, Job Creation,
Commerce and Industry**

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Honorable Carl Heastie

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Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am pleased to submit the 2015 Annual Report of the Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry.

During the 2015 Legislative Session, the Committee considered significant legislation impacting State and local economic development, the licensure and compliance of certain businesses, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. New economic development initiatives were enacted including legislation providing assistance to STEM opportunities for New York State residents. In addition, the Committee supported legislation streamlining regulations on the alcoholic beverage industry while creating new business opportunities for this sector.

On behalf of the members of the Committee, I wish to thank you for supporting our efforts to encourage economic development and job creation across New York State. With your continued leadership we look forward to a productive session in the year to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Schimminger". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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INTRODUCTION: COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry is responsible for legislation that affects economic development and business regulation throughout the State. The Committee is also responsible for oversight of the State's various economic development agencies, authorities, and programs that play an important role in determining the State's overall economy. Additionally, the Committee is responsible for oversight of the controlled sale of alcoholic beverages and the licensing, registration, and regulation of a broad spectrum of industries associated with the production, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Committee interacts with many State agencies, economic development organizations, and other groups and associations on these important issues. The State agencies include the Department of Economic Development, the Urban Development Corporation, the Job Development Authority, the Department of State, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the State Liquor Authority, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Law. At the local level, the Committee works with a number of organizations, including not-for-profit local development corporations, economic development agencies, various not-for-profit foundations, colleges and universities, chambers of commerce, and Small Business Development Centers.

II. FY 2015-2016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The Committee advanced several key initiatives to boost New York's economy with a focus on creating jobs and opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs. The following are highlights that impact businesses in New York State.

PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Empire State Development / Urban Development Corporation

The Urban Development Corporation is currently doing business as Empire State Development (ESD). The mission of ESD is to promote economic development by providing loans, grants, tax credits, and other financial assistance to local governments, businesses, and not-for-profit corporations in order to develop stable and growing local economies. The following are the 2015 highlights relating to economic development initiatives funded through ESD:

- A fifth round of funding was authorized for the Regional Economic Development Councils in 2015 with \$150 million in Empire State Development grants. The 10 Regional Councils are a collaborative effort between the public and private sector to develop and implement regional Strategic Plans. Each plan endorses specific local economic development projects, and aims to boost job creation, and capitalize on existing assets. In addition to priority awards of capital grants and Excelsior Tax Credits, the Regional Councils will continue to participate in the Consolidated Funding Application process to endorse regionally significant projects that are under consideration for additional existing State funding.
- The Upstate Revitalization Initiative Program was created to help revitalize the Upstate New York economy. The seven eligible upstate regions of New York competed to be designated a "Best Plan Awardee" and receive \$500 million each in funding over a five year period. The presented plans were required to demonstrate how the regions could be transformed over five years, with a focus on creating permanent, high-paying, private sector jobs and attracting private sector investment. Regions were also instructed to address the concepts of innovation, sustainability, connectivity, global initiatives, workforce development, utilization of hard-to-place workers, community reinvestment, collaboration, readiness, and implementation.
- Stewart, Liberty, and Republic Airports were made eligible to be START-UP NY zones.
- The Centers of Excellence Program is a public-private collaboration with scientific research centers located around the State at various college campuses. The Program was established to increase the State's commitment to research, higher education, and commercialization of technologies in the State. Funding for the Center of Excellence Program was restored in this year's budget. Each Center of Excellence, including new established centers such as the Center of Excellence in Small Scale Systems Integration and Packaging (S3IP) at SUNY Binghamton, Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences at the University at Buffalo, Sustainable Manufacturing at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Data Science at the University of Rochester, and Advanced Energy Research at Stony Brook University.

III. IMPROVING NEW YORK'S ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

The Committee believes that the State has an important role in facilitating economic development. The State's role should be to partner with the private sector to create growing local economies and to focus its incentives to support clusters such as emerging high technology industries in New York. The Committee supports legislation that focuses economic development efforts towards assisting companies that retain and create jobs and contribute to the economic stability and revitalization of communities across New York. Companies that seek and receive State financial assistance should commit to retain or create jobs in their communities. Where appropriate, the State should seek to leverage resources and provide assistance to emerging industries, thereby supporting the growth of specialized clusters in growing fields of employment.

Additionally, the Committee recognizes that it's at the local and regional levels that the most informed decisions regarding economic development are made and that the State's economic development programs should incorporate regionalized expertise. The focus on regionalization helps streamline the administration of programs and fosters better State and local partnerships. The Regional Economic Development Councils provide such a vehicle to achieve this goal.

The 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) spent all of 2015 implementing innovative and comprehensive Strategic Plans for their respective regions, as well as creating updated plans that were presented in October 2015. These plans played an important role in determining how millions of dollars in existing economic aid were awarded through the State's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). The REDCs were awarded \$130.55 million in financial support in 2011 and \$150 million annually in 2012, 2013, and 2014 to further implement their updated Strategic Plan. 2015 was the fifth round of the REDC competition and consisted of up to \$750 million in awards through grant money and tax credits, including the Upstate Revitalization Initiative.

The Committee further focused its efforts this year on initiatives that support emerging industries and promote development of key agricultural, technological, and business enterprises.

**Encouraging Farmers' Markets
(A.228, Rosenthal)**

Veto Memo 199

Passed Both Houses

This bill would provide funding through Empire State Development for the construction of urban and regional farmers' markets. Farmers' markets encourage revitalization of cities and urban areas and provide positive vendor to consumer relationships. Further, it allows for access to fresh and local products in underserved areas.

**Encouraging Women and Minorities in STEM Programs
(A.968, Rosenthal)**

Veto Memo 276

Passed Both Houses

The bill would provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) grants through the Economic Development Fund to local education agencies to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers.

**Providing Dairy Farmers with Loans
(A.1110, Magee)**

Veto Memo 253

Passed Both Houses

This bill would create the Dairy Farm Improved Energy Efficiency Program to provide grants and low interest loans to dairy farms for energy efficiency projects and advanced energy technologies. The farms would be required to have the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority perform an energy audit and the Urban Development Corporation would be responsible for providing financial, technical, or other assistance.

**Supporting Music Production in New York State
(A.7690, Lentol)**

Passed Assembly

This bill would amend provisions in the Excelsior Jobs Program that were enacted during the 2015 budget, which included music production companies as eligible entities to receive tax benefits under the Program provided that certain milestones were met. This bill would allow companies to receive tax credits based on investments rather than job creation.

**Evaluating Access to Child Care Programs
(A.8114, Solages)**

Ordered to 3rd Reading of the Rules Calendar

This bill would require the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) to select five economically distressed areas to evaluate child care programs intended to serve low-income families. The bill would also require that strategies identified be implemented in the five distressed areas and that the UDC determine ways to incentivize businesses seeking to expand child care programs.

**Supporting Biomedical and Biotechnological Research and Entrepreneurship
(A.3928, Morelle)**

Reported and Referred to Way and Means

The bill would create the New York State Biomedical and Biotechnological Translational Research and Entrepreneurship Initiative to encourage the growth biomedical and biotechnological jobs and companies in the State, as well as enhance research by creating a lab to market program at public and private medical schools in New York.

**Aiding Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs
(A.5480, Schimminger)**

Reported and Referred to Ways and Means

This bill would require the Department of Economic Development, the Job Development Authority, and the Urban Development Corporation to provide preference to small businesses and entrepreneurs in the administration of their economic development assistance programs. This bill would also require annual reports on activities undertaken in order to provide small businesses and entrepreneurs with preference in the awarding of funds.

**Permitting an Applicant to Apply for Economic Development Funding
(A.8229, Schimminger)**

Reported and Referred to Rules

This bill would allow the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to be an eligible applicant for funds related to the development and expansion of bus routes from the Western New York Economic Development Fund.

IV. REFORMING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

The Committee's primary responsibility in the area of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law is to ensure the safe and lawful manufacturing and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the State, as well as growing and supporting it as an industry. In addition, the Committee has recognized the changing market for alcoholic products in relation to agri-business and tourism. New York State has committed to utilizing New York's farm products to produce alcoholic beverages, and encourage the expansion of the local craft beverage markets.

In addition, the Committee continued its efforts aimed at modernizing the law and specifically sought to reduce outdated and unnecessary restrictions in the ABC Law. The Committee passed legislation providing manufacturers with additional flexibility in promoting their alcoholic products and fostering growth by supporting the various markets the products are sold in. The Committee also focused on quality of life issues including maintaining adequate control over problem establishments and ensuring community participation in the licensing process of retail establishments that serve alcoholic beverages on premise.

The Committee will continue its review of the ABC Law to ensure the law is supporting a market that functions best for consumers and businesses. The Committee will continue to support legislation that ensures communities have adequate information and notice as they make decisions in regard to the future of alcohol manufacturing businesses and retail establishments located in their neighborhoods.

Banning the Sale of Powdered Alcohol Products

(A.1357-A, Cymbrowitz)

Chapter 231 of the Laws of 2015

This law prohibits the sale of crystalline or powdered alcohol products under New York State Law.

Exempting a Business from the 200 Foot Rule

(A.3570, Cahill)

Chapter 279 of the Laws of 2015

This law exempts a particular business in Ulster County from the 200 Foot Rule and authorizes the State Liquor Authority to issue them a license.

Authorizing Farm Distilleries to Sell Gift Items

(A.7001, Fahy)

Chapter 228 of the Laws of 2015

This law authorizes farm distillery licensees to sell gift items that current farm breweries, farm cideries, and farm wineries are permitted to sell. These items would include: non-alcoholic beverages, food items to complement liquor tasting that can be consumed without tableware, locally produced food items, liquor supplies or accessories, liquor making equipment and supplies, and souvenir items such as artwork, crafts, clothing, agricultural products, and any other items that can be construed to promote tourism in the region. These items may also be combined into gift baskets.

Extending the Authority of the Chairman of the State Liquor Authority

(A.7510, Bichotte)

Chapter 78 of the Laws of 2015

This law will extend the provisions relating to the vested power and authority of the Chairman of the State Liquor Authority for an additional three years. Such authority includes budgetary and fiscal matters, appointments, training programs, and reporting requirements.

Allowing Temporary Permits

(A.7511, Walker)

Chapter 123 of the Laws of 2015

This law authorizes the State Liquor Authority to continue to issue temporary permits while vetting license applications. Such temporary permits allow businesses to begin operating while their applications are evaluated by the State Liquor Authority.

Authorizing Alcohol Tastings

(A.8043, Schimminger)

Chapter 232 of the Laws of 2015

This law allows retail operations holding a beer or cider retail license to conduct tastings of alcoholic beverages. The law eliminates the requirement that the presence of a manufacturer or authorized third party is required to conduct tastings and permits additional flexibility to owners and operators selling alcoholic beverages.

Permitting Businesses to Purchase Alcohol on Credit

(A.81-B, Paulin)

Passed Assembly

This bill would authorize retail operations to accept purchases on credit under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. The bill would provide additional options for liquor stores with corporate accounts expanding delivery services.

Requiring Community Notice of All-Night Liquor License Applications

(A.268, Rozic)

Passed Assembly

Veto Memo 248

This bill would require applicants to notify the community board upon the submission of an application to the State Liquor Authority for a 24 hour operating permit. The bill would ensure notice to community boards regarding special events held overnight where alcoholic beverages are served.

Formalizing Consistencies in the State Liquor Authority Application Process

(A.5682, Kavanagh)

Passed Assembly

This bill would make consistent the factors that would be considered by the State Liquor Authority when determining the effects on public convenience, advantage, and interest by the granting of any of the on-premises liquor licenses.

Assessing the State Liquor Authority's Role in Out-of-State Violations

(A.5920-A, Steck)

Veto Memo 281

This bill would amend Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law to provide that the State Liquor Authority would not have the power to revoke, cancel, or suspend a license or impose a civil penalty unless the conduct violates a specific ABC Law or due process of law has been provided by the other state and the licensee has been found guilty in that state.

Assisting a Local Business

(A.7331, Schimminger)

Chapter 450 of the Laws of 2015

This law provides an exemption to the 200 foot rule under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law. The exemption allows the State Liquor Authority to issue a license upon approval of an application.

Informing Communities of 500 Foot Rule Exemption Applications

(A.542, Lentol)

Advanced to 3rd Calendar Reading

This bill would revise procedures for the issuance of retail liquor licenses for on-premise consumption for premises within 500 feet of three or more existing premises. A copy of the application for exemption must be provided to the municipality or community board and a public hearing must be held. Fifteen days of notice must be given before the hearing so that the community has time to review the application and participate in the hearing in an informed manner.

**Extending the Hearing Notice Requirement
(A.567, Lentol)**

Advanced to 3rd Calendar Reading

This bill would require the State Liquor Authority to notify the respective community board or municipality 30 days prior to a special 500 foot hearing, extending it from the current period of 15 days before the hearing.

**Creating Beer, Wine, and Cider Incubator Centers
(A.1100-A, Magee)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would create a new licensing scheme to be administered by the New York State Liquor Authority. The new licenses would allow the operation of incubator facilities for the production of cider, wine, or beer by participants for personal consumption only.

**Providing Community Opinion Prior to Granting a License
(A.4702, Moya)**

Ordered to 3rd Calendar Reading

This bill would require applicants for a license for off-premise consumption in cities having a population of one million or more persons to notify the local community board 30 days prior to submitting an application to the State Liquor Authority. This bill would help provide adequate time for community input on prospective license applications.

**Removing Street-Level Entrance Requirement
(A.5423, Schimminger)**

Ordered to 3rd Reading of the Rules Calendar

This legislation would remove the requirement that stores selling alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption be required to have a street level entrance.

**Strengthening the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law
(A.4210, Schimminger)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would amend Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, Penal Law, and Vehicle and Traffic Law to authorize courts to suspend a driver's license of an underage drinker or person in possession of marijuana that fails to appear before court, pay a fine, or complete an alcohol awareness program or community service. Currently, courts may only issue an appearance ticket under Civil Law, thus making it difficult for courts to enforce court appearances or impose increased fines, educational measures, or community service requirements.

**Adding Cause for Revoking a License
(A.6857, Crespo)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would provide that the State Liquor Authority (SLA) may revoke a license upon a finding that the licensee has deliberately misled the SLA regarding the nature of the business at the licensed establishment.

**Strengthening Laws Against Underage Drinking
(A.7039, Schimminger)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would authorize a court to enter a default judgment in the case of a minor caught drinking when such minor fails to appear in court and adequate notice has been provided to the minor.

V. PROTECTING CONSUMERS WHILE ASSISTING BUSINESSES

The Committee continues to advance legislation to regulate businesses, to enhance public good, and to support the State's market economy. In evaluating legislation, the Committee seeks to balance the legitimate concerns of the business community with those of consumers. The Committee supports legislation that avoids imposing undue burdens on businesses and protects consumer safety.

**Requiring Licenses for Private Investigators
(A.5652, Schimminger)**

Chapter 115 of the Laws of 2015

This law clarifies that licensed private investigators may perform the services of a watch, guard, or patrol agency or act as a bail enforcement agent. A watch, guard, or patrol agency or a bail enforcement agent must be licensed and may not perform the services of a private investigator. Anyone in violation of these provisions may be charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

**Protecting Employees in Nail Salons
(A.7630, Kim)**

Chapter 80 of the Laws of 2015

This law creates a nail specialty certification program that a business could voluntarily implement in order to help ensure its workers can become licensed nail specialists. People interested in becoming a nail technician can register as a trainee as an alternative to the traditional pathway of attending classes. Further, the law allows the Department of State to issue an order of cessation for any unlicensed activity and increases penalties for those businesses that continue to operate without a license.

**Clarifying the Role of a Public Accountant
(A.7691, Schimminger)**

Chapter 127 of the Laws of 2015

This law clarifies that Certified Public Accountants or a Certified Public Accounting firm, when engaging in the practice of public accountancy, are not considered private investigators and therefore would not require a private investigator license.

**Requiring Pet Dealers to Provide Instructions
(A.8058-B, Rosenthal)**

Chapter 557 of the Laws of 2015

This law clarifies language regarding small animals and requires that every pet dealer provide written or digital instructions on the care of such small animals to the purchaser. This law also requires certain filing requirements with the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Expanding Zone Pricing Provisions of Motor Fuel

(A.103, Thiele)

Passed Assembly

This bill would expand zone pricing provisions to include regulations for wholesalers and dealers of motor fuel in order to eliminate this business practice and increase the enforceability of the law. The bill would clarify terms such as “relevant geographic market” and address the issue of arbitrary pricing.

Updating the Cosmetology Curriculum

(A.2042, Pretlow)

Passed Assembly

This bill would include an additional member to the advisory committee that advises the Department of State on issues relating to the appearance enhancement industry to include a person with experience in all hair types. This bill would also require the advisory committee to develop a professional curriculum and State Examination that incorporates training for a full range of knowledge regarding a diverse range of hair textures.

Requiring Human Trafficking Recognition Training

(A.3419, Titone)

Passed Assembly

This bill would require that human trafficking recognition training be provided to all employees of destination resort gaming operations and that such training be offered to gaming operations for voluntary implementation under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act upon request.

Eliminating Certain Chemicals from Nail Products

(A.526, Rosenthal)

Advanced to 3rd Calendar Reading

This bill would prohibit the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of nail polish and hardener containing dibutyl phthalates, toluene, or formaldehyde. The bill seeks to protect nail technicians and their clients from the ingestion of harmful chemicals as such products are unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

Prohibiting Spyware

(A.854, Rodriguez)

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would enact the Computer Spyware Protection Act (Act), which would prohibit the installation, transmission, and use of computer software that collects personally identifiable information. This bill would also authorize the Attorney General to bring a civil action against any person who violates any provision of the Act.

Regulating Pet Groomers

(A.1451-B, Paulin)

Reported and Referred to Rules

This bill would require pet groomers to obtain a license in order to groom pets. Such licenses would be issued after completing a training program as designed by the Secretary of State, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Markets. The bill also outlines provisions in respect to proper recordkeeping, standard of care for pets, display of licenses, annual licensing fee, inspections, and consequences to pet groomers for violations of any provisions of this law or any law pertaining to the humane treatment of animals.

**Requiring Cleaning of Oil Spillage
(A.1563, Pretlow)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would require oil companies to clean up spillage occurring during a delivery within 24 hours of the spill. The bill seeks to protect consumers and the environment by reducing hazardous ground waste and imposes a \$500 fine upon the first offense and a \$1000 fine for each additional offense, not to exceed \$10,000 in total fines.

**Prohibiting Vendor Sales of Certain Products
(A.6012, Schimminger)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would prohibit itinerant vendors from selling baby food, nonprescription drugs, cosmetics, and batteries. These products can be resold, putting the consumer at risk as these products may not have been properly stored or acquired by the vendor.

**Increasing Penalties for Fraudulent Sale of Patriotic Items
(A.7541, Ortiz)**

Reported and Referred to Codes

This bill would increase the penalty for the fraudulent sale of articles sold for patriotic purposes such as poppies, forget-me-nots, daisies, or flags to \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than a year for a second offense.

VI. 2015 PUBLIC HEARING/ROUNDTABLES

Budget Oversight

On December 4, 2015, the Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry held a joint public hearing on the State Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget and program initiatives. The hearing focused on the overall impact, implementation, and effectiveness of economic development programs such as Start-Up New York, Regional Economic Development Councils, the Excelsior Jobs Program, and the Business Incubator and Innovation Hot Spot Program, as well as discussed the operation of the State Liquor Authority.

VII. OUTLOOK FOR 2016

The 2015 Legislative Session was very productive and the Committee will continue its focus on advancing policies and programs, attracting businesses to New York State, and the creation of jobs in the State across all sectors, with an emphasis on high growth sectors, in the coming year. The Committee continues to be dedicated to increasing the State's visibility in the business community while easing onerous and outdated burdens and to promoting and retaining the State's unique resources and excellent talent pool in the form of colleges, universities, and high-skilled graduates. The Committee will also continue its work to ease regulatory burdens and obstacles on the alcoholic beverage industry and foster the growth of agri-business and tourism in the State.

APPENDIX A

2015 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE, AND INDUSTRY

Final Disposition of Bills	Assembly	Senate	Total
Bills Reported With or Without Amendment			
To Floor; Not Returning to Committee	5	0	5
To Floor; Recommitted and Died	0	0	0
To Ways and Means	2	0	2
To Codes	7	0	7
To Rules	2	0	2
To Judiciary	0	0	0
Passed Assembly	6	0	6
Chaptered	12	6	12
Vetoed	6	0	6
Total	40	0	40

Bills Having Committee Reference Changed

To Labor			
Total			

Senate Bills Substituted or Recalled

<i>Substituted</i>		5	5
<i>Recalled</i>		1	1
<i>Total</i>		6	6
Bills Defeated in Committee	0	0	0
Bills Never Reported, Held in Committee	0	0	0
Bills Never Reported, Died in Committee	174	15	189
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	7	0	7
Motions Discharge Lost	0	0	0

Total Bills in Committee	221	21	242
Total Number of Committee Meetings Held	9		

APPENDIX B

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

2015 Bills Considered

Assembly Bill #	Senate Bill #	Last Action	Description
A.103 (Thiele)	S.332 (Lavalle)	Passed Assembly	Relates to zone pricing of gasoline
A.228 (Rosenthal)	S.3441 (Young)	Veto Memo 199	Establishes the Urban and Regional Farmers' Markets Facilities Construction Program
A.268 (Rozic)	S.1130-A (Avella)	Veto Memo 248	Requires applicants for all-night liquor licenses to notify local community boards of their intent to apply for such licenses.
A.526 (Rosenthal)	S.4088 (Avella)	Passed Assembly	Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, sale, and use of nail polish or nail hardener containing certain chemicals.
A.542 (Lentol)	No same as.	Advanced to 3 rd Calendar Reading	Notifies a community about potential exemptions of the 500 feet within three or more existing premises law
A.567 (Lentol)	S.4291 (Dilan)	Advanced to 3 rd Calendar Reading	Extends the notification period for a State Liquor Authority hearing on 500 foot exemptions from 15 days to 30 days
A.854 (Rodriguez)	No same as	Referred to Codes	Enacts the Computer Spyware Protection Act
A.968 (Rosenthal)	S.1960 (Robach)	Veto Memo 276	Provides STEM grants for women and minorities to pursue careers in technology
A.1100-A (Magee)	No same as	Referred to Codes	Establishes incubator beer, cider, and wine centers
A.1110 (Magee)	S.2984 (Ritchie)	Veto Memo 253	Provides grants and low interest loans to dairy farms making energy efficient improvements
A.1451-B (Paulin)	S.5098-A (Lanza)	Referred to Rules	Provides for the licensing and regulation of pet groomers
A.1563 (Pretlow)	No same as	Referred to Codes	Requires oil companies to clean up any spillage occurring during oil delivery

A.2042 (Pretlow)	No same as	Passed Assembly	Provides that state cosmetology curriculums and examinations incorporates training for a diversity of hair textures
A.3419 (Titone)	No same as	Passed Assembly	Requires that human trafficking recognition training be provided to all employees of gaming operations
A.3928 (Morelle)	S.4053 (Golden)	Referred to Ways and Means	Establishes the New York State Biomedical and Biotechnological Translational Research and Entrepreneurship Initiative
A.4210 (Schimminger)	S.868 (Razenhofer)	Referred to Codes	Authorizes courts to suspend a driver's license where the holder fails to appear in court
A.4702 (Moya)	No same as	Advanced to 3 rd Reading	Allows a municipality or community board to express an opinion before a license is granted to sell liquor at retail for off-premises consumption
A.5423 (Schimminger)	S.1922 (Marcellino)	Ordered to 3 rd Reading of the Rules Calendar	Removes the street level entrance requirement for licenses for selling alcohol for consumption off the premises
A.5480 (Schimminger)	S.2089 (Flanagan)	Referred to Ways and Means	Requires State economic development agencies to provide preferences to small businesses and entrepreneurs
A.5682 (Kavanagh)	S.197 (Squadron)	Passed Assembly	Makes consistent the factors considered by the State Liquor Authority when determining the effects of granting an on premise liquor license
A.5920-A (Steck)	S.4446-A (Boyle)	Veto Memo 281	Limits the authority of the State Liquor Authority to penalize licensees based on perceived violations of the laws of other States, unless certain conditions are met
A.6012 (Schimminger)	S.3840 (Venditto)	Referred to Codes	Prohibits sale of baby food, nonprescription drugs, cosmetics, and batteries by itinerant vendors
A.6857 (Crespo)	No same as	Passed Assembly	Allows revocation of a license if an applicant has falsified information
A.7039 (Schimminger)	S.3600 (Razenhofer)	Referred to Codes	Authorizes courts to render default judgments in cases of failure to answer for unlawful possession of an alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume by persons under the age of twenty-one years

A.7541 (Ortiz)	No same as.	Referred to Codes	Increases the penalty for the fraudulent sale of articles sold for patriotic purposes.
A.7690 (Lentol)	S.5450 (Golden)	Passed Assembly	Amends the Excelsior Jobs Program in relation to music production tax credits
A.8114 (Solages)	No same as	Ordered to 3 rd Reading of the Rules Calendar	Creates a study on the accessibility of child care programs to evaluate the potential for increased access
A.8229 (Schimminger)	No same as	Referred to Rules	Adds the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority as an Eligible Applicant for the Western New York Economic Development Fund

APPENDIX C

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

2015 Chapters

Assembly Bill #	Senate Bill #	Chapter	Description
A. 81-B (Paulin)	S.440 (Galivan)	Chapter 466 of the Laws of 2015	Allows liquor stores to provide alcoholic beverages on credit to a business or corporation.
A.1357-A (Cymbrowtiz)	S.1757-A Griffo	Chapter 231 of the Laws of 2015	Prohibits the sale of any powdered alcohol product
A.3570 (Cahill)	S.3217 (Amedore)	Chapter 279 of the Laws of 2015	Authorizes the issuance of a license to sell liquor at retail, for consumption on certain premises.
A.5652 (Schimminger)	S.3824-A (Venditto)	Chapter 115 of the Laws of 2015	Requires private investigators to hold licenses
A.7001 (Fahy)	S.4800 (Amedore)	Chapter 228 of the Laws of 2015	Allows farm distilleries to sell gift items
A.7331 (Schimminger)	S.5070 (Razenhoffer)	Chapter 450 of the Laws of 2015	Provides an exemption for an on-premises establishment under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law
A.7510 (Bichotte)	S.4875 (Marcellino)	Chapter 78 of the Laws of 2015	Extends the authority of the Chairman of the State Liquor Authority
A.7511 (Walker)	S.4876 (Marcellino)	Chapter 123 of the Laws of 2015	Extends the effectiveness of authorization of temporary retail permits issued by the State Liquor Authority
A.7630-A (Kim)	S.5966 (Venditto)	Chapter 80 of the Laws of 2015	Authorizes the Secretary of State to order the cessation of unlicensed appearance enhancement activity and creates a nail specialty trainee program
A.7691 (Schimminger)	S.4996 (Venditto)	Chapter 127 of the Laws of 2015	Clarifies that certified public accountants do not need to hold a private investigators license.

A.8043 (Schimminger)	S.5333-A (Marcellino)	Chapter 232 of the Laws of 2015	Allows licensees of liquor stores and beer retailers to conduct tastings.
A.8058 (Rosenthal)	S.5946 (Avella)	Chapter 557 of the Laws of 2015	Requires pet dealers to provide instructions on the care of small animals.