



ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARIANNE BUTTENSCHON'S

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

Welcome to the end of session newsletter. Highlighted below are some important pieces of legislation that were passed.

## LEGISLATION PASSED WITH MY ADVOCACY

### A. 1347

Sponsored by Assemblywoman Buttenschon, this bill creates a Veteran's Internship Program that will allow for our veterans and wounded warriors to participate in an internship within the NYS legislature to see the inner workings of government.

### A. 5710

This legislation will amend the retirement and social security law to include SUNY police officers for purposes of presumption regarding impairment caused by heart disease. University Police Officers appointed by the State University of New York perform duties which are as stressful and physically demanding as other police officers and firefighters, and therefore deserve the same benefits as other officers.

### A. 5630

This bill provides state correctional officers employed at the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) as well as secure ty hospital treatment assistants employed by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) with a death gamble benefit. In extending this benefit to the other civil service titles captured by this bill, New York State can ensure that our most senior and experienced correctional officers and security hospital treatment assistants have some form of incentive to remain on the job past retirement eligibility.

### A. 5734-A

Includes within the health care and wellness education and outreach program offered by the department of health resources for individuals who have suffered a pregnancy loss or infant loss. This will include information on hormone changes and its potential effects, options if the body produces milk, etc.; and contact information (provided by county administrations) to local resources including: mental health services, milk banks, free gynecological care, and post-partum doula services.

### A. 1673-A

This legislation will ensure New Yorkers covered by state regulated insurance plans, including Medicaid, have coverage for biomarker testing when medically appropriate. Improving access to biomarker testing and thereby access to targeted therapies is a strategy to reduce health disparities and improve outcomes for cancer patients.

### A. 3116-A

This bill provides for the burial of deceased veterans by allowing localities and veterans organizations to engage with funeral firms on behalf of deceased veterans. This legislation ensures veterans are given a proper and decent burial and shown the respect they have earned.

### A. 4018

This legislation will allow members of the regional state park police, environmental conservation officers, forest rangers, and university police officers to receive 20-year retirement plans.

### A. 7173

The purpose of this bill is to require each state agency to designate at least one employee within such agency as a veterans' liaison. It is important that the State of New York take as many steps as possible to inform its residents that there are benefits available to persons who have served our nation in the uniformed services.

### A. 5468-A

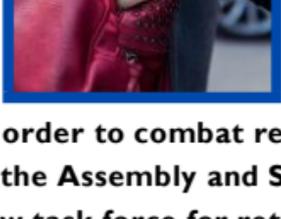
This bill would regulate voice recognition features in Internet connected devices. Companies that manufacture internet-capable devices like cell phones and televisions may record a user's voice without an individual's consent if the product has voice recognition software. Manufacturers should not be able to sell these recordings for a profit or use them for advertising purposes.

## LOCAL LEGISLATION IN ALBANY

### VERNON DOWNS LEGISLATION PASSES



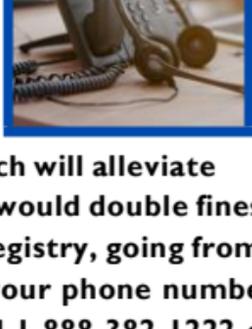
Co-sponsored by Buttenschon, legislation was passed in both houses of the New York State Legislature (A. 6144-A) to provide relief to the employees of Vernon Downs Casino & Hotel. This legislation amends current law that mandated Vernon Downs to forfeit their additional vendor fee due to restrictive employment standards established in 2016. This will allow Vernon Downs to survive as they work to meet their employee threshold.



### NEW BILL CREATES RETAIL CRIME TASK FORCE

In order to combat retail crime, a bill was passed in the Assembly and Senate that establishes a new task force for retail crime. It will create the New York State Organized Retail Crime Task Force, which would review existing laws and provide recommendations to reduce shoplifting and organized crime state-wide.

### NEW BILL ALLEVIATING TELEMARKETING CALLS



Legislation was passed in the Assembly and the Senate which will alleviate unwanted telemarketing calls. It would double fines for violators of the Do Not Call Registry, going from \$11,000 to \$20,000. To register your phone number for the Do Not Call Registry, call 1-888-382-1222 or visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). Once registered, your telephone number remains on the registry, without expiration.

## IN THE DISTRICT

### DINITTO FARMS HOSTED FARM FEST

MARCY, Jun. 2, 2023- DiNitto Farms hosted their annual Farm Fest. Many people attended the event. It had a great turnout.



### CELEBRATING FATHER JOE'S RETIREMENT & BIRTHDAY

UTICA, Jun. 2, 2023- Father Joe Salerno is a remarkable person who deserves the utmost respect for his contributions to the community. Congratulations Father Joe.



### ANNUAL MEMORIAL FOR DEPUTY KURT B. WYMAN.

UTICA, Jun. 7, 2023- The annual memorial for Oneida County Deputy Kurt B. Wyman is always a moving ceremony. God bless his family and those who attended.



### COMMISSIONER BALL VISITS THE BUTTENSCHON CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

UTICA, Jun. 2, 2023- Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Richard Ball visited the Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm and Scortino Beef Farm with the second grade classes from Gansevort School in Rome.

### ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUTTENSCHON ATTENDS THE JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

UTICA, Jun. 11, 2023- The Jewish Cultural Center hosted their second annual Jewtica event. It was well attended and celebrated Jewish culture.



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