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Action taken as of May 19, 2020

Summary:

Since early March, members of both houses of the New York State Legislature have introduced a myriad of bills aiming to address the issues and concerns created by the COVID-19 pandemic in New York.

Below is a comprehensive list of all relevant legislation introduced and the areas that they impact. We will continue to monitor and update this list as necessary.

Governor Emergency Powers:

- **A.9953 (Ortiz) / S.9953 (Stewart-Cousins) - Relates to issuing by the governor of any directive necessary to respond to a state disaster emergency; appropriation**

This bill was passed and signed into law, giving the Governor broad wide power to suspend via Executive Order any regulation or local law as he deems necessary to deal with a declared State of Emergency.

Banking:

- **A.10329 (Reyes) - Relates to assessment of the record of performance of banking institutions in supporting persons and certain entities affected by the outbreak of COVID-19**

Adds a criteria for assessment of how banks provide low-to-no interest loans, the waiving of fees, and the modification or extension of existing loans, and other financial instruments conducted by the banking industry to support persons, small businesses, M/WBEs, and certain nonprofits affected by the COVID-19 outbreak for 6 months after the state of emergency ends.

- **S.8109 (Sanders) - Relates to suspending mortgages and loans from state-chartered banks and credit unions for small businesses and restaurants that have closed or reduced services due to the coronavirus**

This bill would suspend mortgages and loans payments from state chartered banks and credit unions for small businesses and restaurants that have closed or reduced services due to the coronavirus.

Consumer Protection:

- **A.10183 (Rozic) / S.8118 (Thomas) - Relates to prohibiting negative credit reporting on persons affected by the coronavirus**

Prohibits negative credit reporting on consumers who have suffered financial harm as a result of the declared state of emergency relating to the coronavirus.

- **A.10261 (Ortiz) - Relates to suspending certain payments for ninety days in response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

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Suspends all student loan, mortgage, auto loan, credit card, and utility payments for ninety days in response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- **A.10270 (Rozić) / S.8189 (Hoylman) - Relates to price gouging**

Prohibits price gouging for essential medical supplies and services and any other essential goods and services used to promote the health or welfare of the public.

- **A.10360 (Carroll) / S.8191 (Parker) - Prohibits the charging of membership fees during a state disaster emergency**

Prohibits the charging of membership fees during a state disaster emergency including when a consumer can demonstrate a financial hardship.

- **A.10408 (Rosenthal) – Relates to food delivery**

Prohibits internet-based food delivery service providers from charging local restaurants and customers a fee for services during the COVID-19 pandemic

- **S.8187 (Parker) - Relates to the suspension of a health club contract**

Allows a buyer to suspend payment for services until access to a facility or premises has been restored.

- **S.8311 (Thomas) - Relates to banning the use of facial recognition technology in the tracking of the coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Bans the use of facial recognition technology to track the coronavirus, and authorizes the Attorney General to seek an injunction, restitution, or a civil penalty up to \$5,000 per violation.

Economic Development:

- **A.10153 (Nolan) / S.8091 (Ramos) - Relates to the provision of certain employee benefits when such employee is subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation**

Provides sick leave plus job protections for private and public employees who are subject to mandatory or precautionary quarantine due to COVID-19.

- **A.10187 (McDonald) / S.7357 (Kaplan) - Relates to designating a small business liaison**

Provides that the departments of agriculture and markets, environmental conservation, labor, transportation and taxation and finance shall designate an existing employee to serve as its liaison to small businesses regulated by such department; further provides the duties of such small business liaison.

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- **A.10208 (Buchwald) / S.8169 (Jackson) - Establishes the coronavirus pandemic small business and not-for-profit organization loan program**

This bill allows small businesses and not-for-profit's to apply for no-interest loans up to \$75,000 if their business or not-for-profit has suffered a loss because of the coronavirus pandemic.

- **A.10212 (Otis) / S.2520C (Harckham) - Establishes the state of emergency small business and not-for-profit organization loan program**

Financial institutions will administer loans up to \$5,000, backed by NYS, to businesses and organizations impacted during a state of emergency.

- **A.10297 (Zebrowski) / S.8231 (Carlucci) – Relates to unemployment insurance rate**

Prohibits the inclusion of claims for unemployment insurance arising from the closure of an employer due to COVID-19 from being included in such employer's experience rating charges

- **A.10315 (Epstein) – Prohibits eviction without good cause for commercial tenants**

Prohibits eviction without good cause for commercial tenants; requires landlords to establish grounds for removal or eviction of commercial tenants any provisions of a lease agreement conflicting with the provisions of this bill shall be void.

- **A.10353 (Aubry) / S.8239 (Ramos) - Relates to employee notification**

Requires employers to notify employees if they come into contact with other employees who have been infected with a virus that is causing a public health emergency

- **A.10354 (Bichotte) - Permits the use of plastic bags until January 1, 2021**

Changes the effective date of the ban on single use plastic bags, enacted in the budget last year, to push the date back until January 1, 2021.

- **A.10362 (Kim) - Establishes the COVID-19 recovery commission**

To establish the COVID-19 Recovery Commission, as a means for the New York State and its constituent municipalities to tap into the Federal Reserve Municipal Lending Facility for the purposes of funding efforts to mitigate the health and economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **A.10402 (Ortiz) / S.8263 (Gounardes) - Relates to the effect of payment for the use of vacation, holiday, personal or sick days on eligibility for unemployment benefits**

Provides that payment for the use of vacation, holiday, personal or sick days shall not affect eligibility for unemployment benefits.

- **A.10413 (Rules-Cruz) / S.8358 (Bailey) – Relates to establishing the COVID-19 recovery local employment tax credit program**

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Establishes the COVID-19 recovery local employment tax credit program to provide tax incentives to employers for employing local employees in full-time or part-time positions in the two years following the conclusion of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order two hundred two.

- **S.8110 (Mayer) - Establishes the small business containment assistance program; and making an appropriation therefor**

To provide small businesses within the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 designated containment area grants up to \$10,000 per business to help offset lost revenue due to the impact of being located within the zone.

- **S.8121 (Sanders) - Establishes the state of emergency minority and women owned business enterprises loan and grant program**

Minority and women owned business enterprise with fewer than 100 employees who have seen sales decreases of 25% or more will be eligible for zero interest loans of up to \$75,000 to help mitigate losses in profit; or minority and women owned business enterprise with fewer than five employees will be eligible for a grant to cover 40% of payroll costs for two months up to \$10,000 to help retain employees.

- **S.8232 (Brooks) - Relates to price gouging associated with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 emergency**

When a court determines that a violation has occurred for price gouging associated with COVID-19, the related business will not be eligible for financial relief from NYS, any contracts with NYS, and any economic benefits it is receiving from NYS will be rescinded.

- **S.8253 (Carlucci) - Authorizes the screening for body temperatures during the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 state disaster emergency**

This legislation would authorize any firm, business, corporation, association, entity or not-for-profit corporation to opt into requiring the taking of body temperature of any employee, vendor or customer entering a place of business.

- **S.8377 (Mayer) - Relates to requiring employers to pay severance to employees when there is a plant closing, relocation, or mass layoff**

Requires employers to pay a severance pay equal to one week of pay for each full year of employment to employees when there is a plant closing, relocation, or mass layoff.

Education:

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- **A.10189 (Ortiz) / S.7996A (Carlucci) - Provides that school districts, including the city school district of the city of New York, are entitled to an apportionment of state aid for the closure of schools due in response to the novel coronavirus**

Provides for an apportionment of state aid where the superintendent or the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York has determined that it is in the public health or safety of the school district to close the school or schools in response to the novel coronavirus.

- **A.10193 (Abinanti) / S.8014C (Harckham) - Provides that certain schools shall experience no financial harm for reduced enrollment or inability to operate for the full 180 session days due to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019**

Grants a waiver to schools on the 180 days in session requirement to receive full funding from the state.

- **A.10199 (Epstein) /S.8168 (Jackson) - Relates to suspending state assessments during a state disaster emergency**

Relates to suspending state assessments during a state disaster emergency; requires the commissioner of education to suspend state assessments during a state disaster emergency and for thirty days after such emergency has ended.

- **A.10417 (Rules-Woerner) – Relates to permitting a student to voluntarily repeat a grade**

Permits a student to elect to voluntarily repeat a grade if such student missed any in-person instruction as a result of the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

- **A.10434 (Rules-Woerner) – Relates to students' compliance with health examination and immunization requirements**

Automatically extends all students' compliance with health examination and immunization requirements for any student who was in compliance for the 2019-2020 school for the 2020-2021 school year.

- **S.8111 (Jackson) - Relates to authorizing and directing the commissioner of education to allow students attending a school closed due to a viral outbreak to receive instructional time for work completed outside of the school**

Relates to authorizing and directing the commissioner of education to allow students attending a school closed due to a viral outbreak to receive instructional time for work completed outside of the school. This would be for purposes of counting a student's annual instruction hours required by the State Education Department.

Elections:

- **A.10151 (Lavine) / S.8058 (Myrie) - Relates to petition requirements**

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Passed both house and signed into law, this bill lowered the required amount of signatures needed for a candidate to qualify on the ballot to 30% of the previous threshold. It also ended the signature collection period early due to the dangers of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- **A.10169 (Dinowitz) - Permits absentee voting in the event of an imminent, impending or urgent threat resulting from a disease outbreak**

Authorizes absentee voting where a voter is unable or averse to appear personally at the polling place because of an imminent, impending or urgent threat resulting from a disease outbreak, including but not limited to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- **A.10173 (Jacobson) - Relates to moving the date of the presidential primary to June 23, 2020**

This bill was the original iteration of the idea to move the date of the presidential primary to June 23, 2020 (originally scheduled for April 28), which was done through Executive Order 202.12.

- **A.10231 (Jacobson) / S.8120 (Metzger) - Directs the state board of elections to create a plan to permit voting by mail in the event of a natural disaster or state of emergency**

Directs the state board of elections to create a plan to permit for primary and general election voting by mail in the event of a natural disaster or state of emergency.

- **A.10306 (Bichotte) / S.8352 (Stavisky) - Authorizes voting by proxy at a judicial district convention due to novel coronavirus, COVID-19**

Allows voting by proxy at judicial district conventions and provides for the repeal of such provisions on December 31, 2020.

- **S.8197 (Kennedy) - Relates to permitting all qualified voters to vote as absentee voters during a state disaster emergency and providing for the automatic mailing of absentee ballots during a state disaster emergency**

Permits all qualified voters to vote as absentee voters during a state disaster emergency; provides for the automatic mailing of absentee ballots to all qualified voters during a state disaster emergency.

Energy/Utilities:

- **A.10245 (Fernandez) - Relates to suspending the payment of property taxes, rent and utility payments during a state disaster emergency**

Suspends the payment of property taxes during a state disaster emergency for owners of one, two and three family dwellings; suspends rent payments during a state disaster emergency; and suspends power, water and sewer payments during a state disaster emergency.

- **S.8113 (Parker) - Relates to issuing a moratorium on utility termination of services during periods of pandemics and/or state of emergencies**

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No utility corporation or municipality can terminate services with any customer who cannot pay an overdue charge because of a financial hardship resulting from an imposed state of emergency.

First Responders:

- **A.4142 (Englebright) / S.8159 (Savino) - Enacts the New York emergency responder act**

To provide licensed design professionals and other construction service providers in the building industry rights and benefits limiting liability for providing advice, services, labor and materials during times of emergency, crisis or catastrophe, including weather related events.

- **A.10172 (Jean-Pierre) / S.8041A (Brooks) - Relates to COVID-19 exposure during a state of emergency by volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers**

Provides that if, as a result of services performed in line of duty during a state of emergency, a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker is exposed to or comes in contact with COVID-19, the chief engineer or other executive officer of the fire department or fire company or the captain or other executive officer of the ambulance department, volunteer ambulance company or ambulance district of which he or she is a member may authorize such volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker to obtain such examinations, tests, treatment and care as are immediately necessary to determine whether he or she is injured; further grants a presumption that exposure to COVID-19 caused partial or total disability or death.

- **A.10378 (Stern) - Relates to a presumption regarding impairment of health caused by COVID-19 and to use of sick leave**

Creates a presumption that impairment of health caused by COVID-19 was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty of certain police, parole and probation officers and other emergency responders.

- **A.10393 (Lentol) / S.8268 (Felder) - Establishes the compassionate helper volunteer program**

Establishes the compassionate helper volunteer program to implement a system by which eligible volunteers may provide free non-medical, quality of life services in hospitals to individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 and to their families.

- **A.10438 (Rules-Thiele) / S.8251A (Kaminsky) - Relates to the determination of points for service award programs for volunteer firefighters during a state disaster emergency**

Relates to the determination of points for service award programs for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers during a state disaster emergency and authorizes service award program sponsors to adjust certain point systems when such sponsor adopts written emergency response protocols that set different emergency response requirements for different entities

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prohibiting or restricting some participants from responding to non-emergency rescue and first aid squad calls.

General Government:

- **A.10177 (Paulin) / S.8116 (Hoylman) - Relates to compliance with the open meetings law during a state disaster emergency**

Provides that during a state disaster emergency, a public body in the affected area may make a determination that, as a direct result of the state disaster emergency, complying with a particular requirement of the open meetings law would unduly threaten the health or safety of members of the public body or the general public.

- **A.10386 (Weprin) / S.8244 Sepulveda - Relates to establishing emergency release protocols during a time of crisis**

Relates to establishing emergency release protocols during a time of crisis including during an epidemic, a natural disaster, a climate disaster, a war, or other similar emergency which places the lives, health or well-being of people in custody at risk.

- **S.8114 (Gaughran) - Relates to conducting business by electronic means during a state disaster emergency**

This bill would enable public bodies to utilize electronic means to conduct business instead of in-person meetings during a state disaster emergency.

- **S.8322 (Bailey) - Relates to prohibiting denial of entry to a public place or denial of service solely on the basis of wearing a mask in public during an epidemic or a pandemic**

Prohibits denial of entry to a public place or denial of service solely on the basis of wearing a mask in public during an epidemic or a pandemic.

- **S.8376 (Metzger) - Relates to requiring the director of the budget to provide monthly budget updates to the legislature**

Requires the director of the budget to provide monthly budget updates to the legislature including a detailed description of revenue shortfalls, spending overages, and any proposed adjustments to appropriations or disbursements pursuant to authorization granted in 2021 enacted budget.

Health:

- **A.10159 (Rozić) / S.7932 (Hoylman) - Prohibits price gouging with respect to medical supplies during a public health emergency.**

Creates a rebuttable presumption that a price is unconscionably excessive if it is more than 10% above the price charged immediately prior to the declared public health emergency.

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- **A.10186 (Arroyo) - Relates to requiring the department of health to prepare a biennial report on the number of available ventilators at each hospital located within the state**

Requires the department of health to prepare a biennial report on the number of available ventilators at each hospital located within the state and to make recommendations on the number of ventilators to meet the needs of a pandemic or regional disease outbreak.

- **A.10204A (Buckwald) / S.8126 (Harckham) - Relates to the retiree earnings cap for health care officials and workers during a declared public health related state of emergency declared by the governor**

State and local governments are allowed to hire healthcare professionals at reasonable rates, waiving the typical earning cap on retirees.

- **A.10350 (Kim) / S.8270 (Gounardes) - Relates to establishing requirements for residential healthcare facilities during a state disaster emergency involving a disease outbreak**

Requires the department of health to issue guidance regarding precautions and procedures to maintain health and safety; establishes residential healthcare facility reporting requirements.

- **A.10382 (Burke) - Relates to establishing the New York state COVID-19 health care worker loan forgiveness program**

Establishes the New York state COVID-19 health care worker loan forgiveness program which forgives up to twenty thousand dollars in student loan debt from certain health care workers.

- **A.10394 (Lentol) - Relates to requiring residential health care facilities to submit an annual pandemic emergency plan to the commissioner of health**

This bill requires residential health care facilities to submit an annual pandemic emergency plan to the commissioner of health; requires such plan to include a communication plan with families, plans to protect staff, patients and families against infection, and plans to preserve a patient's place at the facility if he or she is hospitalized.

- **A.10426 (Rules-Rosenthal D) - Relates to nursing home patients**

Requires that nursing home patients who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 shall produce a negative test result before he or she can be readmitted to such nursing home.

- **A.10447 (Rules-Joyner) / S.8362 (Serrano) - Requires that COVID-19 contact tracers be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent practicable**

Requires that COVID-19 contact tracers be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent practicable; and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

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- **S.8171 (Sanders) - Extends certain provisions relating to emergency medical treatment to individuals and non-profit organizations**

Extends the provisions found in Section 3000-a of the Public Health Law (Good Samaritan Law) to any individual or non-profit organization who voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment to an individual who is suffering and/or has been infected with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- **S.8182 (Hoylman) - Relates to authorizing licensed pharmacists to administer an approved vaccine for COVID-19**

Authorizes licensed pharmacists to administer a vaccine for COVID-19 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research vaccine product approval process.

- **S.8186 (Hoylman) - Relates to establishing a COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation tax credit**

Establishes a one thousand-dollar COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation tax credit for taxpayers who donate COVID-19 convalescent plasma to a clinical laboratory or blood bank.

- **S.8269 (Myrie) – Relates to nursing homes**

Authorizes the attorney general to investigate and take action against in response to actions improvident or prejudicial to the certain interests of the public or occupants of nursing homes.

- **S.8321 (Bailey) - Relates to placing a moratorium on closing hospital during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic**

Places a moratorium on closing hospitals until December 31, 2023.

- **S.8355 (Parker) - Relates to establishing a state stockpile**

Establishes a state stockpile which shall maintain reserves of certain drugs, vaccines, biological products, medical devices and other supplies.

- **S.8356 (Hoylman) - Requires the department of health to collect and maintain data relating to the sexual orientation and gender identity of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19**

The department shall, in coordination with local departments of health, collect and maintain data relating to the sexual orientation and gender identity of individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19.

- **S.8360 (Sanders) - Requires the department of health to collect and report certain data concerning COVID 19**

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This bill would establish the "Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act" in the New York State Department of Health for the purpose to conduct or support data collection on the racial, ethnic, and other demographic implications of COVID-19 in New York state.

Health Insurance:

- **A.10165 (Ortiz) / S.7989 (Carlucci) - Relates to prescription drugs**

Requires policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs to include coverage of an immediate additional thirty-day supply of a prescription drug during a state disaster emergency

- **A.10282 (Epstein) / S.8174 (Jackson) - Relates to providing for coverage of a one hundred twenty-day supply of a prescription without prior authorization during a state disaster emergency**

Provides for coverage of a one hundred twenty-day supply of a prescription without prior authorization during a state disaster emergency and requires pharmacies to dispense such one hundred twenty-day supplies of prescriptions at no cost to a patient in the event such patient's insurance denies coverage due to lack of prior authorization.

- **A.10451 (Rules-Gottfried) / S.8361 (Rivera) - Relates to payments for personal protective equipment for home and community based long term care services**

Provides for insurance reimbursement for expenses related to the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for direct care workers, care recipients and an emergency inventory of a ninety-day supply of PPE.

- **S.8365 (Rivera) - Relates to COVID-19 pandemic medical debt requirements and adverse determination notices to Medicaid recipients**

Provides extensions for certain medical debt and insurance premiums related to the COVID-19 pandemic and requires certain information to be included in adverse determination notices to Medicaid recipients.

- **S.8366 (Rivera) - Relates to COVID-19 pandemic medical debt requirements and adverse determination notices to Medicaid recipients and eligibility for the basic health program**

This bill would enact several measures to protect patients from collection actions taken by providers or medical debt buyers for the duration of the emergency. Patients' ability to plan ahead for care, respond to medical bill issues such as mistakes, or respond to collection actions is highly compromised by the pandemic.

Higher Education:

- **A.10285 (Hyndman) / S.8107 (Comrie) - Requires SUNY and CUNY schools**

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Requires SUNY and CUNY schools to refund students for housing credits and boarding charges used or charged for the period of time when such schools are closed or shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic

- **A.10356 (Epstein) - Relates to excluding certain time periods from the maximum duration of tuition assistance program**

To prevent state disaster emergencies that cause a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) recipient to miss two or more weeks of in-person instruction from impacting the maximum term of eligibility for TAP grants.

- **A.10435 (Rules-Ortiz) - Relates to establishing a COVID-19 essential workers scholarship program**

Establishes a COVID-19 essential workers scholarship program to award annual scholarships to essential employees who worked during the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and children of essential employees who have died as a result of contracting COVID-19.

- **S.8271 (May) - Enacts the essential workers student grant act**

To provide student financial aid grants to individuals who served as essential workers during the state of emergency declared as a result of COVID-19.

Housing:

- **A.10167 (Epstein) / S.8115 (Hoylman) - Relates to evictions and foreclosures during a state disaster emergency**

Prohibits foreclosures and evictions during a state disaster emergency. This has been done already by Executive Order, but this would extend to future state of emergency situations as well.

- **A.10224A (Niou) / S.8125A (Gianaris) - Relates to suspending rent payments for certain residential tenants and small business commercial tenants and certain mortgage payments for ninety days in response to the outbreak of Covid-19**

Suspends all rent payments for certain residential tenants and small business commercial tenants if such tenant has lost employment or was forced to close their place of business and certain mortgage payments for landlords of such tenants in the state for ninety days following the effective date of this act in response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease. Outside of mortgage relief, this legislation provides no other financial relief for landlords.

- **A.10245 (Fernandez) - Relates to suspending the payment of property taxes, rent and utility payments during a state disaster emergency**

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Suspends the payment of property taxes during a state disaster emergency for owners of one, two and three family dwellings; suspends rent payments during a state disaster emergency; and suspends power, water and sewer payments during a state disaster emergency.

- **A.10247 (Niou) / S.8139 (Gianaris) - Relates to suspending rent payments for certain tenants in response to the outbreak of Covid-19**

Caps rent payments for those effected by COVID-19 at 30% for the tenant, the landlord will get a voucher for the portion they are owed.

- **A.10248 (Cymbrowitz) / S.8140A (Kavanaugh) - Establishes a COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program**

Establishes a COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program; implements a program of rental assistance in the form of emergency vouchers for eligible individuals or families.

- **A.10252 (Stern) / S.8138 (Martinez) - Relates to deferring certain taxes during a declared state disaster emergency and providing for installment payments thereafter**

Protects the general public-and real property tax abatement filers-by extending, at local option, the deadline by three months due to the effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- **A.10255 (Niou) - Establishes a COVID-19 emergency small landlord assistance fund**

Creates an emergency small landlord assistance fund for small landlords, whose tenants have had their rent payments suspended pursuant to state law related to COVID-19 outbreak responses, for the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of such properties.

- **A.10258 (Epstein) / S.8188 (Hoylman) - Relates to permitting the early termination of a lease by a tenant during a state of emergency**

Permits the early termination of a lease by a tenant during a state of emergency where the tenant is required to vacate an area containing such property; the tenant loses his or her employment; or the tenant can no longer attend school, college, or university due to a sudden closure of such educational institution.

- **A.10265 (Epstein) / S.8175 (Salazar) - Relates to prohibiting the rent guidelines board from increasing rents on certain leases during a state disaster emergency**

Creates new sections of law prohibiting a rent guidelines board from increasing rent for any one-year leases during a declared state of emergency.

- **A.10281 (O'Donnell) - Relates to enacting the "New York city small business rent stabilization act"**

Enacts the "New York city small business rent stabilization act" instituting a commercial rent control system in the city of New York and creates the commercial rent guidelines board.

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- **A.10290 (Dinowitz) - Relates to the default of rent payments and judgments of possession**

Provides that no default in the payment of rent due or judgment of possession shall be entered between March seventh, two thousand twenty and a date six months after the expiration of the state disaster emergency, as such term is defined in section twenty of the executive law, declared pursuant to executive order two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended.

- **A.10318 (Lentol) / S.8190 (Salazar) – Establishes the Emergency Coronavirus Affordable Housing Preservation Act of 2020**

Establishes a fund to help landlords and tenants effected by COVID-19, however, the source of funding for this project remains unclear making the program harder to implement should it become law.

- **A.10325 (Reyes) – Relates to suspending mortgage payments for certain individuals for ninety days due to Covid-19.**

Suspends mortgage payments for individuals who lost their job or were forced to close their business due to COVID-19. Also has provisions explicitly forgiving the suspended payments so they cannot be collected on later.

- **A.10381 (Rosenthal) / S.8310A (Hoylman) – Relates to suspending evictions of rent regulated tenants in certain situations due to COVID-19**

Suspends evictions of rent regulated tenants when a tenant is forced to spend time away from their residence due to COVID-19 and cannot meet occupancy requirements of one hundred eighty-three days or more.

- **A.10389 (Rosenthal) – Suspends any rent increases for rent controlled tenants for a period of one year.**

Suspends rent increases for rent controlled units for a period of one year starting on the date that the bill is signed into law should it pass.

- **A.10423 (Rules-Cruz) / S.8359 (Hoylman) – Relates to judicial interpretation of commercial leases regarding whether COVID-19 was an event that could have been foreseen or guarded against**

Provides that COVID-19 constitutes an event that could not have been foreseen or guarded against in a commercial lease contract where such contract is frustrated or objectively impossible, either wholly or in part, as a consequence of the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

- **A.10444 (Rules-Epstein) / S.8351 (Hoylman) Relates to personal liability provisions in commercial leases during the COVID-19 period**

Provides that no personal liability provision of a commercial lease or other rental agreement involving real property and to which a business impacted by COVID-19 is a party as tenant may be

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enforced against an individual where the default or other event allowing for such enforcement occurs during the COVID-19 period.

- **S.8265 (Jackson) – Relates to permitting a residential tenant to utilize a security deposit to pay rent during a state disaster emergency**

Permits a residential tenant to utilize a security deposit to pay rent during a state disaster emergency if such tenant has had a loss of income or loss of employment due to such state disaster emergency, provides a one year period to replenish such security deposit.

- **S.8324 (Bailey) - Relates to establishing a presumption of eligibility for housing for those who lost employment due to a non-essential business shutdown**

Establishes a presumption of eligibility for housing for those who lost employment due to a non-essential business shutdown due to the coronavirus.

Insurance:

- **A.9781 (Hunter) / S.8207 (Benjamin) - Relates to prohibiting certain requirements in insurance contracts**

Places numerous restrictions on health plans, prohibiting health plans from entering into agreements or contracts with providers that require the health plan to include all members of a provider group in its network and require the health plan to place all members of a provider group in the same network tier.

- **A.10226A (Carroll) / S.8211 (Gounardes) - Relates to requiring certain perils be covered under business interruption insurance during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic**

This bill is intended to hold harmless businesses who currently hold business interruption insurance, for losses sustained as a result of the current COVID-19 health emergency, but for which no such coverage is currently offered.

- **A.10239 (Abbate) - Relates to establishing a coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) presumption for accidental disability retirement and accidental death benefits**

The purpose of this bill is to establish a COVID-19 presumption for three-quarters accidental disability retirement benefits, and accidental death benefits for public employees.

- **A.10327 (Rosenthal) - Relates to requiring certain perils be covered under certain business interruption insurance policies during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic**

This bill will protect certain human services and community-based health providers from business interruption or loss of business during COVID-19 by including this pandemic as a covered business peril under their insurance policies.

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- **A.10451 (Rules-Gottfried) / S.8361 (Rivera) Relates to payments for personal protective equipment for home and community based long term care services**

Provides for insurance reimbursement for expenses related to the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for direct care workers, care recipients and an emergency inventory of a ninety-day supply of PPE.

Labor:

- **A.10152 (Nolan) / S.8090 (Ramos) - Relates to requirements for sick leave and the provision of certain employee benefits when such employee is subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation**

Provides requirements for sick leave and the provision of certain employee benefits when such employee is subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19; provides for sick leave. This was the initial iteration of the sick leave program that ended up being passed in the NYS budget. More detail can be provided upon request.

- **A.10204A (Buchwald) - Relates to the retiree earnings cap for health care officials and workers during a declared public health related state of emergency declared by the governor**

Removes the earning cap on health care retirees that are hired to work on combating the COVID-19 crisis.

- **A.10348 (Rosenthal) / S.8275 (Martinez) - Relates to suspending the forfeiture of unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 state of emergency**

While forfeit penalties are enacted, an individual is unable to receive any benefits for those days which they would ordinarily receive unemployment benefits and they are also unable to receive the additional \$600 weekly from the federal government, as it is distributed by the states. This bill would allow the Commissioner of Labor to waive the forfeit penalties, allowing individuals to collect benefits during the COVID State of Emergency.

- **A.10359 (Rozić) - Relates to providing hazard payments to essential workers during a state disaster emergency**

This legislation would require employers to pay essential workers a payment that is a percentage or a fixed dollar amount, set by the Labor Commissioner. The benefit would be capped at \$25,000 for workers earning less than \$200,000 per year and at \$5,000 for those earning more than \$200,000.

- **A.10391 (Stern) / S.8117A (Martinez) - Relates to a presumption regarding impairment of health caused by COVID-19 and to use of sick leave**

Creates a presumption that impairment of health caused by COVID-19 was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty of certain police, parole and probation officers and other emergency responders; relates to use of sick leave due to COVID-19.

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- **A.10392 (Carroll) / S.8248 (Gounardes) - Relates to participation in the shared work program under the unemployment insurance law**

Allows employers to participate in the shared work program under the unemployment insurance law retroactively to the date of the COVID-19 declared emergency.

- **A.10400 (DenDekker) / S.8246 (Gounardes) - Relates to permitting unemployment benefits in certain cases of voluntary separation from employment during the COVID-19 emergency**

Permits unemployment benefits in the case of voluntary separation from employment during the COVID-19 emergency for persons over age 65 or persons with health conditions which make them at risk.

- **A.10402 (Ortiz) / S.8263 (Gounardes) - Relates to the effect of payment for the use of vacation, holiday, personal or sick days on eligibility for unemployment benefits**

Provides that payment for the use of vacation, holiday, personal or sick days shall not affect eligibility for unemployment benefits.

- **A.10404 (Simotas) / S.8266 (Ramos) - Includes exposure to novel coronavirus, COVID-19, as an occupational disease**

Includes exposure to novel coronavirus, COVID-19, as an occupational disease for which compensation shall be payable for disabilities sustained or death incurred by an employee.

- **A.10430 (Rules-Cruz) / S.8184A (Ramos) - Establishes tiers of essential employees during a state of emergency**

Establishes a hierarchy of professions as it relates to their designation as essential or not during a state of emergency.

- **A.10437 (Rules-Rozic) / S.8308 (Liu) - Establishes an essential workers' bill of rights**

Establishes an essential workers' bill of rights; provides that all employers shall provide essential workers with personal protective equipment, inform such workers of exposure to any disease related to a state disaster emergency, and not retaliate for any report of an unsafe work environment; provides certain employers shall make hazard payments and cover the costs of any child care or health care needed by such essential workers for the duration of the state disaster emergency.

- **S.8309 (Hoylman) - Relates to disqualification from receiving unemployment benefits when the claimant's employer maintained or refused or failed to cure a health or safety condition that made the environment unsuitable**

Ensures workers that are fired, choose to leave a job, or refuse a job offer due to fear for their own safety in that environment are not disqualified from eligibility for unemployment benefits.

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- **S.8312 (Kennedy) - Relates to establishing the industry targeted unemployment task force**

Establishes the industry targeted unemployment task force for the purpose of concentrating unemployment assistance, job training, and job development assistance during times of high unemployment to individuals who have previously been employed by an industry that is experiencing unemployment rates higher than the statewide average.

- **S.8318 (May) - Defines the term "family leave" to include family members for purposes of sick leave and employee benefits when such employee is subject to quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19**

Changes the definition of the term "family leave" to include family members for purposes of sick leave and employee benefits when such employee is subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.

- **S.8364 (Sanders) - Establishes the New York state paycheck protection program**

Establishes the New York state paycheck protection program to provide loans and grants to qualifying entities that have less than 300 employees, did not receive any federal funding from the Federal CARES Act, and was in existence in New York state by the first day the state disaster emergency related to COVID-19 was declared by the governor.

- **S.8377 (Mayer) - Relates to requiring employers to pay severance to employees when there is a plant closing, relocation, or mass layoff**

Requires employers to pay a severance pay equal to one week of pay for each full year of employment to employees when there is a plant closing, relocation, or mass layoff.

Local Government:

- **A.10241 (Hyndman) / S.8122A (Comrie) - Extends the deadline for the filing of applications and renewal applications for real property tax abatement programs**

Provides a 90-day extension of any tax abatement programs filed with a municipality.

- **A.10245 (Fernandez) - Relates to suspending the payment of property taxes, rent and utility payments during a state disaster emergency**

Suspends the payment of property taxes during a state disaster emergency for owners of one, two and three family dwellings; suspends rent payments during a state disaster emergency; and suspends power, water and sewer payments during a state disaster emergency.

Taxes:

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- **A.10347 (Weprin) / S.8195 (Hoylman) - Relates to a tax deduction for certain expenses of health care professionals and emergency medical technicians relating to the COVID-19 declared emergency**

Creates a tax deduction up to five thousand dollars for transportation and personal protective equipment expenses of health care professionals and emergency medical technicians relating to the COVID-19 declared emergency.

- **A.10361 (Mosely) - Relates to providing a COVID-19 relief tax credit to certain renters and residential rental property owners**

Provides a \$1500 tax credit in the 2020 taxable year, and \$750 in the 2021 taxable year, for renters and property owners who pay less than \$2500 per month in rent or mortgage with an annual income between \$25,000 and \$75,000.

- **A.10414 (Rules-De La Rosa) / S.8277 (Ramos) – Establishes a mark to market tax and directs revenue from such tax into a worker bailout fund**

Establishes a billionaire mark to market tax taxing residents with \$1 billion dollars or more in net assets and directs revenue from such tax into a worker bailout fund; establishes a worker bailout program providing workers traditionally excluded from wage protection programs access to unemployment benefits.

- **S.8313 (Kennedy) - Relates to providing relief to businesses for late fees and interest on certain tax payments**

Provides relief to businesses for late fees and interest for any delayed payments for businesses filing sales or property taxes for a period of one year.

Transportation:

- **A.10303 (Dinowitz) / S.8119A (Comrie) - Relates to paratransit services within the state and city of New York during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic**

Puts in place vary safety protocols for paratransit services as it relates to worker safety and ensuring the transit systems are able to continue to operate in times of crisis.

- **S.8124A (Sanders) - Relates to airlines**

Requires airlines and travel insurance companies to provide refunds for travel cancelled due to coronavirus disease 2019 / COVID-19.

- **S.8262 (Martinez) - Relates to payments under contracts for transportation of school children**

Requires school districts to continue to make payments of benefits, compensation and emoluments pursuant to the terms of any contract for transportation of school children that were in effect as of

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the date of any school closure which is due to a declared emergency as if the services had been provided.