

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Week in Focus

- On 1/20, Gov. Kathy Hochul released her \$260 billion Executive Budget.
- Joint Legislative Budget Hearings will begin next week. To view the schedule [CLICK HERE](#).

Floor News

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- On January 20, the Assembly adopted a resolution ([K.847](#)) commemorating the observance of the 41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the State of New York.

Committee News

Banks

- Despite unanimous Republican opposition, the Banks Committee reported the following bills:
 - [A.3304-A](#): Prohibits state-regulated banking organizations, or operators or owners of automated teller machines, from charging fees for any benefit banking services involving the use of an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card (except interchange fees).
 - This bill was reported to the Floor.
 - [A.8761](#): Directs the superintendent of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to conduct an analysis of the financial stability of the check cashing industry and review the current system of licensing. Requires the superintendent of DFS to issue a report within 180 days of this bill's enactment to the governor, the chair of the Assembly Banks Committee, and the chair of the Senate Banks Committee.
 - This bill was reported to Ways and Means.

Committee News

Codes

- The Codes Committee reported the following bills:
 - **A.2239**: Expands second-degree aggravated harassment, a class A misdemeanor, to cover intentionally harassing or threatening contacts made for no purpose of legitimate conversation using electronic communications, including texts, emails, and direct messages.
 - **A.6338**: Allows a victim of the crime of unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image, a class A misdemeanor, to participate in the address confidentiality program administered by the secretary of state.
 - Both bills were reported to the Floor.
- Despite unanimous Republican opposition, the Codes Committee reported a bill (**A.9217**), which specifies that prescribing, dispensing, or receiving mifepristone, or any medication used for abortion, cannot be considered a “criminal diversion act” or an adulterated or misbranded drug solely because the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has revoked its approval or changed its labeling, provided the labeling was accurate at the time of manufacture.
 - This bill was reported to the Floor.

Economic Development

- The Economic Development Committee reported a bill (**A.1330**), which establishes a study of the economic impact of expanding and optimizing kitchen incubators, particularly for women, minority, and immigrant entrepreneurs, and to submit a report to the governor and Legislature with recommendations on creation, funding, expansion, and business support services.
 - This bill was reported to Ways and Means.

Health

- Despite unanimous Republican opposition, the Health Committee reported a bill (**A.6571**), which establishes a sexual and reproductive health program within the Department of Health to fund providers serving low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals. Program funding would match the 2024 state and federal levels, with a five percent annual increase.
 - This bill was reported to Ways and Means.

Racing and Wagering

- The Racing and Wagering Committee reported a bill (**A.9433**), enacting a chapter amendment to Chapter 697 of the Laws of 2025, which regulated the usage of electronic bell jar vending machines by authorized bona fide organizations that are games of chance licensees authorized by the Gaming Commission. This chapter amendment allows only bona fide veteran organizations and volunteer fire companies to operate said machines, and only if the organization was licensed to operate bell jar games as of November 30, 2025.
 - This bill was reported to Ways and Means.

Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development

- Despite unanimous Republican opposition, the Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development Committee reported a bill (**A.9006**), which requires ticket operators to disclose the actual start time of a motion picture on tickets and advertisements, allows preview times if clearly labeled, and authorizes civil penalties of up to \$250 per screening for noncompliance.
 - This bill was reported to Codes.

