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March 11, 2025

## **MEETING NOTICE**

TO: Members of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee Feng, Chair; Espinal Co-Chair; Aguilar; Argento; Bachorowski; Bamonte; Barros; Drinkwater; Dybanowski; Indig; Kaminski; Leanza; Lopez; (Aprile\* Judelson\*; Rozmus\*). (\*) Non-Board Member.

(9 Members Constitute a Quorum for This Committee)

**FROM:** Lloyd Feng, Committee Chair

RE: Scheduled Public Safety & Human Services Committee Meeting, March 18, 2025

Please be advised that the Public Safety & Human Services Committee Meeting will meet as follows:

WHEN: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
TIME: 6:30 PM
WHERE: CB1 District Office
435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(Corner of Frost Street)

## **AGENDA**

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

• Call to order

## 2. <u>NYC COUNCIL LEGISLATION</u>

Discussion and vote on proposed NYC Council bills related to:

- Domestic violence prevention and support
- Shelter oversight and transparency
- Public safety reporting requirements

#### 3. NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Discussion and vote on proposed NYS bills related to:

- Domestic violence prevention and victim protection
- Child safety measures
- Law enforcement and public safety initiatives

### 4. <u>COMMITTEE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY</u>

Discussion on improving public participation in committee meetings

#### 5. DISTRICT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Review of public safety priorities for upcoming district needs statement

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

cc: CB#1 Board Members

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## Prioritized NYC Council Bills for CB1 Discussion

Organized by Issue Area with Priority Rankings

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION BILLS

## **High Priority**

- 1. Int 0458-2024: Rental Assistance for DV Survivors
  - Description: Provides domestic violence survivors at risk of losing their home with CityFHEPS rental assistance if they don't qualify for other assistance programs, have income at/below 400% of federal poverty level, and meet other HRA/DHS requirements.
  - Why High Priority: Addresses immediate housing crisis for DV survivors; prevents homelessness; provides critical economic stability during vulnerable transition period.
  - Note: CM Restler has already signed on.
  - Link: <u>Int 0458-2024</u>
- 2. Int 1175-2025: Legal Representation for DV Survivors
  - Description: Requires Office of Civil Justice to establish a program providing domestic violence survivors with legal representation throughout divorce proceedings; mandates annual reporting on program data.
  - Why High Priority: Addresses power imbalance in legal proceedings; helps survivors navigate complex divorce process; provides essential advocacy during high-risk separation period.
  - **Note:** CM Restler has already signed on.
  - Link: <u>Int 1175-2025</u>

#### 3. Int 0029-2024: Traumatic Brain Injury Training

- Description: Requires training for first responders and service providers on the connection between domestic violence and traumatic brain injury (TBI); mandates public awareness campaign on this connection.
- Why High Priority: Addresses often-overlooked medical consequence of abuse; improves identification of TBI symptoms; enhances long-term recovery outcomes for survivors.
- **Note:** CM Gutierrez has already signed on.
- Link: <u>Int 0029-2024</u>

## **Medium Priority**

#### 4. Int 0459-2024: 311 DV Hotline Transfer

- Description: Requires DoITT to create policy that automatically transfers domestic violence-related 311 complaints to the NYC Domestic Violence Hotline and adds a menu option for direct connection.
- Why Medium Priority: Streamlines access to specialized support; reduces barriers to seeking help; improves coordination of city services.
- **Note:** CM Restler has already signed on.
- Link: <u>Int 0459-2024</u>

## SHELTER OVERSIGHT & TRANSPARENCY BILLS

## **High Priority**

- 5. Int 0404-2024: Shelter Critical Incidents Reporting
  - Description: Requires Department of Homeless Services to produce annual reports detailing "critical incidents" in shelters (assault, sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, weapons, arson, theft), security upgrade efforts, and agreements with NYPD.
  - **Why High Priority:** Enhances accountability and transparency; identifies safety trends; allows for targeted improvements in shelter security.
  - **Note:** CM Restler has already signed on.
  - Link: <u>Int 0404-2024</u>

## **Medium Priority**

- 6. Int 0847-2024: Shelter Distribution Reporting
  - Description: Requires Department of Social Services to submit quarterly reports to council members and community boards on the number of shelters, supportive housing (single-site and scattered-site), and cluster sites by council district and community board.
  - **Why Medium Priority:** Improves transparency about shelter distribution; enables more equitable planning; provides data for community-based decision making.
  - Link: <u>Int 0847-2024</u>
- 7. Int 1166-2025: Emergency Shelter Contract Notification
  - Description: Amends existing community notification requirement to mandate DHS notification to elected officials and community boards when emergency homeless shelter contracts are renewed.
  - Why Medium Priority: Enhances community awareness of continued shelter operations; improves coordination between city agencies and community stakeholders.
  - Link: <u>Int 1166-2025</u>

#### 8. Int 1198-2025: New Arrivals Shelter Address Confidentiality

- **Description:** Would prohibit mayoral agencies operating emergency/temporary shelter facilities exclusively serving new arrivals from publicly disclosing addresses/locations unless required by judicial warrant or law.
- Excluded from CB1 Support: As specified in the motion.
- Link: Int 1198-2025

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTING**

## **Medium Priority**

- 8. Int 0831-2024: Missing Persons Reporting
  - **Description:** Requires NYPD to annually report on missing persons cases.
  - Why Medium Priority: Enhances transparency around missing persons investigations; enables data-driven approaches to finding missing individuals; may help identify patterns or systemic issues.
  - **Note:** CM Restler has already signed on.
  - Link: <u>Int 0831-2024</u>

## Legislation with Both Assembly and Senate Sponsors

Organized by Issue Category

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## **1. Protection Order Violations**

- Bill Numbers: S3117 / A4499
- **Description:** Provides that persons arrested for domestic violence forfeit bail when violating an order of protection. *This bill addresses the "revolving door" problem where abusers can repeatedly violate orders of protection by simply posting bail, creating a stronger deterrent and keeping victims safer during court proceedings.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Pamela Helming (R) / AM Jeff Gallahan (R)
- Committee Dates: 1/23/25 and 2/4/25
- Links: <u>S3117</u> / <u>A4499</u>

## 2. Lifetime Orders of Protection

- Bill Numbers: S150 / A5222
- **Description:** Allows lifetime orders of protection when the respondent is convicted of certain felonies or an attempt to commit such felonies. *Currently, orders of protection expire after a set period, forcing victims to repeatedly seek renewals and potentially confront their abusers in court; this bill would provide permanent protection for victims of serious felonies without requiring them to relive their trauma.*
- **Sponsors:** Sen. Anthony Palumbo (R) / AM Joe Destefano (R)
- Committee Dates: 1/8/25 and 1/12/25
- Links: <u>S150</u> / <u>A5222</u>

## 3. Supervised Visitation Initiative

- Bill Numbers: S3938 / A65
- **Description:** Directs the establishment of a statewide supervised visitation initiative including culturally sensitive services with language access and affordability considerations. *Many communities lack adequate supervised visitation facilities, creating barriers for families impacted by domestic violence; this bill would ensure safe, affordable options for parents who need supervision during child visitation and require regular assessments to ensure quality of services.*
- **Sponsors:** Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal (D) / AM Andrew Hevesi (D)

- Committee Dates: 1/30/25 and 1/8/25
- Links: <u>S3938</u> / <u>A65</u>

## 4. Anti-Stalking Orders ("CREEP Act")

- Bill Numbers: S3394 / A3226
- **Description:** Provides for the issuance of anti-stalking orders for repeated and extremely egregious predatory behavior. *Current laws often don't adequately protect stalking victims until physical harm occurs; this bill would allow courts to issue specific anti-stalking orders earlier in the process, potentially preventing escalation and providing law enforcement with clearer authority to intervene in stalking situations.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Andrew Gounardes (D) / AM Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/27/25 and 1/24/25
- Links: <u>S3394</u> / <u>A3226</u>

## 5. Enhanced Penalties for Domestic Violence

- Bill Numbers: A4497 / S3453
- **Description:** Relates to enhancing penalties and protecting victims of crimes of domestic violence. *This comprehensive bill increases penalties for repeat domestic violence offenders and creates a graduated system where penalties increase with each subsequent offense; it also expands the definition of family/household member to include individuals in intimate relationships who don't live together.*
- Sponsors: AM Jeff Gallahan (R) / Sen. Pamela Helming (R)
- Committee Dates: 2/4/25 and 1/27/25
- Links: <u>A4497</u> / <u>S3453</u>

## 6. Domestic Violence Crimes Classification

- Bill Numbers: A3206 / S1159
- **Description:** Establishes domestic violence crimes when committed against a family or household member; defines specified offenses and sets criteria for disposition. *Currently, domestic violence is charged under general assault or harassment laws rather than as a distinct crime; this bill would create specific domestic violence crime categories that acknowledge the unique nature of these offenses and allow better tracking of domestic violence cases in the criminal justice system.*
- **Sponsors:** AM Jen Lunsford (D) / Sen. Jeremy Cooney (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/23/25 and 1/8/25
- Links: <u>A3206</u> / <u>S1159</u>

## 7. Lethality Assessment Requirements

• Bill Numbers: S2280 / A4899

- **Description:** Requires law enforcement officers to conduct a lethality assessment as part of the standardized domestic incident report when responding to domestic violence. *Research shows many domestic homicides are preceded by escalating warning signs; this bill would require officers to use a standardized tool to identify high-risk situations where intervention could prevent fatalities, and immediately connect high-risk victims with services.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Lea Webb (D) / AM Sarah Clark (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/16/25 and 2/10/25
- Links: <u>S2280</u> / <u>A4899</u>

## 8. Phoenix Act (Statute of Limitations)

- Bill Numbers: S3909 / A296
- **Description:** Extends the statute of limitations for family offenses to ten years for felonies and five years for misdemeanors. *Named after a Phoenix rising from ashes, this bill recognizes that domestic violence victims often need time to safely leave their abusers before pursuing legal action; the current short statutes of limitation often expire before victims feel safe enough to come forward.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Kevin S. Parker (D) / AM Catalina Cruz (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/30/25 and 1/8/25
- Links: <u>S3909</u> / <u>A296</u>

## 9. Contract Opt-Out for DV Victims

- Bill Numbers: S2416 / A1841
- **Description:** Authorizes individuals to opt-out of shared contracts without penalty due to domestic violence victim status; prevents account transfer to other holders. *Shared contracts (like cell phone plans, leases, or utilities) often serve as economic handcuffs keeping victims tied to abusers; this bill would allow victims to escape financial entanglements without credit damage, early termination fees, or having financial obligations transferred to them.*
- **Sponsors:** Sen. Kevin S. Parker (D) / AM Linda Rosenthal (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/17/25 and 1/14/25
- Links: <u>S2416</u> / <u>A1841</u>

## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY & MONITORING**

## **1. Visitor Registration Requirements**

- Bill Numbers: S155 / A3179
- **Description:** Requires nonresident visitor sex offenders to register when temporarily residing in NY; requires notification to nearby property owners. *Currently, sex offenders from other states can visit New York for extended periods without registering, creating a*

loophole in the notification system; this bill would close that gap by requiring registration for visitors staying more than 14 days and mandate that short-term rental hosts inform nearby residents.

- **Sponsors:** Sen. Anthony Palumbo (R) / AM Matthew Simpson (R)
- Committee Dates: 1/8/25 and 1/23/25
- Links: <u>S155</u> / <u>A3179</u>

## **VICTIM'S RIGHTS & SEX TRAFFICKING**

## 1. Sex Trafficking Civil Actions

- Bill Numbers: A2575 / S116
- **Description:** Extends statute of limitations for sex trafficking actions, revives barred actions, grants trial preference, and exempts from certain notice requirements. *Trafficking survivors often can't pursue justice until years after escaping due to trauma, fear, and coercion; this bill would give victims more time to bring civil suits against traffickers and uniquely allows previously time-barred cases to be revived for a limited window.*
- Sponsors: AM Jeffrey Dinowitz (D) / Sen. Cordell Cleare (D)
- Committee Dates: 1/17/25 and 1/8/25
- Links: <u>A2575</u> / <u>S116</u>

## **CHILD SEX ABUSE & PENALTIES**

## 1. Sexual Offenses Against Children

- Bill Numbers: S490 / A490
- **Description:** Includes instances of sexual conduct against children under 17 to certain sex offenses; removes time limit for subsequent offenses. *This bill closes a loophole in current law that limits how past sexual offenses against minors can be considered in subsequent prosecutions; by removing these time restrictions, it ensures repeat offenders face appropriate consequences regardless of when previous offenses occurred.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Nathalia Fernandez (D) / AM Andrew Hevesi (D)
- Introduction Date: 1/8/25
- Links: <u>S490</u> / <u>A490</u>

## 2. Penalties for Sex Crimes Causing Death

- Bill Numbers: S1933 / A5783
- **Description:** Provides elevated charges when sex crimes against minors result in death. This bill specifically addresses a gap in current first-degree murder statutes by ensuring that adult perpetrators who cause death while committing sexual crimes against minors

face the most severe penalties, regardless of whether the death was intentional or occurred during the commission of the crime.

- Sponsors: Sen. Bill Weber (R) / AM Pat Chludzinski (R)
- Introduction Dates: 1/14/25 and 1/20/25
- Links: <u>S1933</u> / <u>A5783</u>

## PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST OFFICERS

## 1. Murder of Officers Penalties

- Bill Numbers: A1480 / S942
- **Description:** Makes life imprisonment without parole mandatory for murder when victim is a police officer, peace officer, first responder, or correctional officer. *Currently, those convicted of murdering first responders may be eligible for parole after 20-25 years; this bill would remove judicial discretion in sentencing and ensure that anyone who intentionally takes the life of law enforcement or emergency personnel would face the strongest possible penalty.*
- **Sponsors:** AM Joe Angelino (R) / Sen. Patrick Gallahan (R)
- Introduction Dates: 1/10/25 and 1/8/25
- Links: <u>A1480</u> / <u>S942</u>

## 2. Auxiliary Police Protection

- Bill Numbers: S1190 / A1681
- **Description:** Relates to increased punishment for certain actions against on-duty auxiliary police officers. *Auxiliary officers are volunteers who support law enforcement but don't receive the same legal protections as sworn officers; this bill would extend similar criminal penalties for assaults, menacing, or criminally negligent homicide against these volunteer officers as currently exist for regular police.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D) / AM David Weprin (D)
- Introduction Dates: 1/8/25 and 1/14/25
- Links: <u>S1190</u> / <u>A1681</u>

## **3. Correctional Officer Protections**

- Bill Numbers: A1742 / S3517
- **Description:** Establishes crime of forcible touching of a correction officer; increases penalties for sexual offenses against correction officers. *Correctional officers face unique workplace risks including sexual assault by inmates; this bill addresses the power dynamic by specifically criminalizing forcible touching of officers and enhancing penalties for sexual offenses committed against officers during the course of their duties.*
- **Sponsors:** AM David Weprin (D) / Sen. Jessica Scarcella-Spanton (D)
- Introduction Dates: 1/14/25 and 1/28/25

• Links: <u>A1742</u> / <u>S3517</u>

## PENAL CODE UPDATES

## 1. Murder After Sexual Offenses

- Bill Numbers: A2559 / S2645
- **Description:** Expands the definition of murder in the first degree to include murder occurring after an attempt to commit certain sexual offenses. *Currently, first-degree murder charges only apply when a killing occurs during the attempted commission of certain felonies; this bill would extend that to include killings that happen after a sexual offense attempt, recognizing that perpetrators may kill victims after failed sexual assaults to prevent identification or testimony.*
- **Sponsors:** AM Stephen Hawley (R) / Sen. Patrick Gallivan (R)
- Introduction Dates: 1/17/25 and 1/22/25
- Links: <u>A2559</u> / <u>S2645</u>

## 2. Intimate Image Protections

- Bill Numbers: S205 / A2226
- **Description:** Establishes protections against threats to disseminate intimate images. *Current "revenge porn" laws only apply when images are actually shared, leaving victims without recourse when threatened with distribution; this bill would criminalize the threat to share intimate images as part of coercive control, addressing how abusers increasingly use digital content as blackmail to prevent victims from leaving relationships.*
- Sponsors: Sen. Monica Martinez (D) / AM Edward Braunstein (D)
- Introduction Dates: 1/8/25 and 1/15/25
- Links: <u>S205</u> / <u>A2226</u>

# Prioritized Single-Sponsored Public Safety Legislation

Legislation with only one sponsor (Assembly or Senate), ranked by potential impact

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## **High Priority**

- 1. Smart Home Safety (A5455)
  - **Sponsor:** AM Linda Rosenthal (D)
  - Description: Requires the office for the prevention of domestic violence to provide materials on removing an abuser's access to smart home devices and develop strategies for improving privacy, laws on cyber-harassment and stalking.
  - Why High Priority: Addresses a growing form of technological abuse that existing laws don't cover; provides immediate, practical safety guidance for victims in the digital age.
  - Introduction Date: 2/14/25
  - Link: <u>A5455</u>
- 2. Domestic Violence Services Access (A153)
  - **Sponsor:** AM Linda Rosenthal (D)
  - **Description:** Ensures sufficient access to domestic violence services in every county; eliminates per diem reimbursement rates for DV programs.
  - **Why High Priority:** Addresses critical service gaps in underserved areas; creates more stable funding model for service providers.
  - Introduction Date: 1/10/25
  - Link: <u>A153</u>

## 3. Anti-Discrimination for Victims (A5606)

- Sponsor: AM Nikki Lucas (D)
- **Description:** Prohibits discrimination against individuals with status as victims of domestic violence, sex offenses, or stalking.
- **Why High Priority:** Prevents secondary victimization through housing and employment discrimination; removes significant barrier to victim recovery.
- Introduction Date: 2/18/25
- Link: <u>A5606</u>

#### 4. Unpaid Leave for DV Victims (A1808)

- **Sponsor:** AM Jenifer Rajkumar (D)
- Description: Requires employers to provide up to ten days of unpaid leave for absences related to domestic violence, sexual offenses, stalking or human trafficking.

- **Why High Priority:** Helps victims maintain economic stability during crisis; addresses major reason victims return to abusers.
- Introduction Date: 1/14/25
- Link: <u>A1808</u>

## **Medium Priority**

- 5. Bail for Domestic Violence (A848)
  - **Sponsor:** AM Amy Paulin (D)
  - **Description:** Requires consideration of domestic violence charges when imposing bail.
  - Why Medium Priority: Restores judicial discretion in DV cases; addresses safety gap in current bail laws.
  - Introduction Date: 1/8/25
  - Link: <u>A848</u>
- 6. Victim Services Transparency (A5443)
  - **Sponsor:** AM Chandler-Waterman (D)
  - **Description:** Requires the office of victim services to publicize programs and include information in annual reports; makes reports public online.
  - Why Medium Priority: Increases awareness of available services; improves public accountability.
  - Introduction Date: 2/14/25
  - Link: <u>A5443</u>
- 7. Protected Depositions (S4134)
  - **Sponsor:** Sen. Kevin S. Parker (D)
  - **Description:** Provides domestic violence victims with supervision during depositions and secure courthouse locations.
  - **Why Medium Priority:** Addresses specific safety gap during legal proceedings; prevents potential re-traumatization.
  - Introduction Date: 2/3/25
  - Link: <u>S4134</u>
- 8. Aggravated Harassment of Survivors (S3935)
  - **Sponsor:** Sen. James Skoufis (D)
  - **Description:** Creates the crime of aggravated harassment of a survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault.
  - **Why Medium Priority:** Addresses common pattern of post-reporting harassment; creates specific penalties for this behavior.
  - Introduction Date: 1/30/25
  - Link: <u>S3935</u>

## **CHILD PROTECTION & SEXUAL ABUSE**

**High Priority** 

### 9. Youth Organization Screening (A5544)

- **Sponsor:** AM Chantel Jackson (D)
- **Description:** Requires sex offender registry checks for youth organization volunteers with direct contact with youths under 18.
- **Why High Priority:** Preventative approach to child safety; addresses significant screening gap in volunteer settings.
- Introduction Date: 2/14/25
- Link: <u>A5544</u>

### 10. Extended Civil Statute of Limitations (A1641)

- **Sponsor:** AM Linda Rosenthal (D)
- **Description:** Removes statute of limitations for civil actions related to child sexual assault offenses.
- **Why High Priority:** Recognizes delayed disclosure common in child abuse cases; allows victims to seek justice when emotionally ready.
- Introduction Date: 1/10/25
- Link: <u>A1641</u>

### 11. Human Trafficking Training (S498)

- **Sponsor:** Sen. Nathalia Fernandez (D)
- **Description:** Establishes standardized human-trafficking recognition training for transportation services employees.
- **Why High Priority:** Leverages transportation sector as frontline in identifying trafficking; cost-effective intervention approach.
- Introduction Date: 1/8/25
- Link: <u>\$498</u>

## **Medium Priority**

#### 12. Child Custody Restrictions (A3702)

- Sponsor: AM Michael Tannousis (R)
- **Description:** Prohibits courts from granting custody to anyone convicted of enumerated sex crimes except where no significant risk exists.
- **Why Medium Priority:** Creates presumption against custody for sex offenders; requires proof of no risk to child.
- Introduction Date: 1/30/25
- Link: <u>A3702</u>

## 13. Jessica Lunsford Act (A1384)

- **Sponsor:** AM Matt Slater (R)
- Description: Enhances predatory sexual assault against a child penalties; establishes mandatory 25-year to life sentences; requires electronic monitoring upon release.
- Why Medium Priority: Creates stronger penalties and monitoring; named after child victim of recidivist offender.
- Introduction Date: 1/9/25
- Link: <u>A1384</u>

## LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

## **High Priority**

#### 14. Anti-Swatting Penalties (S1923)

- **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Weber (R)
- **Description:** Enhances penalties for falsely reporting incidents involving weapons or targeting schools/places of worship.
- **Why High Priority:** Addresses dangerous and increasingly common false reporting trend; prevents resource waste and public safety risks.
- Introduction Date: 1/14/25
- Link: <u>S1923</u>

## **Medium Priority**

### 15. Police Identification Requirements (S885)

- **Sponsor:** Sen. Luis Sepulveda (D)
- **Description:** Requires state and local law enforcement officers to identify themselves to the public.
- **Why Medium Priority:** Increases transparency and accountability; potentially improves community trust in law enforcement.
- Introduction Date: 1/8/25
- Link: <u>S885</u>

## 16. Witness Tampering Penalties (S1751)

- **Sponsor:** Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick (R)
- **Description:** Increases penalties for crimes involving tampering with witnesses or intimidating victims.
- **Why Medium Priority:** Strengthens protections for witnesses and victims; addresses obstruction of justice.
- Introduction Date: 1/13/25
- Link: <u>S1751</u>

## **Lower Priority**

- 17. Digital Evidence Submission (S64)
  - **Sponsor:** Sen. Patrick Gallivan (R)
  - **Description:** Directs criminal justice services to accept electronic submission of reports from local law enforcement.
  - Why Lower Priority: Administrative improvement rather than direct public safety impact; modernizes evidence collection process.
  - Introduction Date: 1/8/25
  - Link: <u>S64</u>
- 18. Assault on DV Shelter Employees (S3118)
  - **Sponsor:** Sen. Pamela Helming (R)

- **Description:** Expands assault in the second degree to include injuries to domestic violence shelter employees and residents.
- **Why Lower Priority:** Addresses important but relatively narrow safety concern; elevates specific assaults to felony status.
- Introduction Date: 1/23/25
- Link: <u>S3118</u>

### 19. Office Name Change (A1965)

- **Sponsor:** AM Andrew Hevesi (D)
- **Description:** Renames the NYS office for the prevention of domestic violence to the NYS office to end domestic and gender-based violence.
- **Why Lower Priority:** Primarily administrative change, though reflects expanded mission scope; limited direct service impact.
- Introduction Date: 1/14/25
- Link: <u>A1965</u>