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SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE

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GENERAL MEETING ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Public Portion There were 25 individuals who signed up to speak during the public portion at the beginning of the meeting.

HOT TOPICS

1. Increasing Legislative Oversight of Major Changes to Law Enforcement Policy **Tabled 14-4**
2. \$ for Environmental Review of Yaphank Project **Tabled to May 11th 17-0-1**
3. Requiring tax cut bills to ID offsetting cost cuts **Approved 18-0**
4. Improving Access to Public Defibrillators **Approved 18-0**
5. Requiring Homeless Sex Offenders to Wear GPS Devices **Approved 18-0**
6. Property Tax exemption for Disabled veterans **Approved 18-0**
7. Expanding Suffolk's Law Against Bias Acts **Public Hearing Closed**
8. Banning the Sale of Drinking Games to Minors **Public Hearing Closed**
9. Banning the Sale of Aerosol Dusting Products to Minors **Public Hearing Recessed**

Votes of Interest:

- IR 1127** A Charter Law requiring sound budget practices to ensure fiscal responsibility. (Stern) **Approved 18-0**
- IR 1263** appropriating funds in connection with the development of County owned land in Yaphank for an Environmental Impact Statement (CP 6420). (Co. Exec.) **Tabled to May 11th 17-0-1**
- IR 1095** Directing DHS to make its database of AED locations available to emergency 911 dispatchers. (Lindsay) **Approved 18-0**
- IR 1096** Directing DHS to develop signs for locations of automated external defibrillators. (Lindsay) **Approved 18-0**
- IR 1257** Confirming appointment of James Tomarken, MD, as Health Commissioner (Co. Exec.) **Approved 16-0-0-2**
- IR 1145** Requiring homeless sex offenders to wear GPS tracking devices. (Eddington) **Approved 18-0**
- IR 1164** to guarantee continuity and stability in County Law Enforcement and ensure adequate resources for public safety. (Eddington) **Tabled 14-4**
- IR 1054** to address the penalties for unsafe helicopter operation in Suffolk County. (Romaine) **Approved 13-5**
- IR 1146** Directing the Department of Public Works to hold public hearings on new bus fares in order to advance Sunday bus service. (Schneiderman) **Approved 16-2**
- IR 1175** expanding eligibility for Co. real property tax exemption to include disabled vets. (Co. Exec.) **Approved 18-0**

- Public Hearings** **The Public Hearing on I.R. 1004** –to strengthen the independence of the Ethics Commission. (Montano) **was recessed.** The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1029** –to provide a fixed five-year term for the Police Commissioner. (Cooper) **was recessed.** The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1037** –to expand the functions of the Council on Environmental Quality to include advising Suffolk County on bicycle routes. (Schneiderman) **was closed.** The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Environment, Planning & Agriculture* Committee.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1129** - to ensure the integrity of prescription labels in Suffolk County. (Cooper) **was recessed.** The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1174** –amending Chapter 8 of the Suffolk County Code. (Co. Exec.) **was recessed.** The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1176** –to repeal the Suffolk County Energy Tax via public referendum. (Romaine) **was recessed.** The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.
- The Public Hearing on I.R. 1200** –to establish a Common Sense Policy for Special Mtgs of the Legislature.

(Lindsay) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Ways & Means* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1219 –to increase the property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans. (Romaine) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Veterans & Seniors* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1222 –requiring Advisory Boards to conduct Open Meetings. (Romaine) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Ways & Means* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1228 –to expand **Suffolk County's Law Against Bias Acts**. (Gregory) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Public Safety* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1229 –**prohibiting the sale of aerosol dusting products to minors**. (Horsley) **was recessed**. The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1230 –**banning the sale of drinking games to minors**. (Cilmi) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Health & Human Services* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1231 –requiring owners of private residential communities to ensure emergency access to roads after snowfall. (Romaine) **was recessed**. The public hearing will continue at the Legislature's April 27th general meeting.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1276 –to expand opportunities to create housing under the 72h Transfer Program. (Schneiderman) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Labor, Workforce & Affordable Housing* Committee.

The Public Hearing on I.R. 1298 –to change the composition of the Vanderbilt Museum Board of Trustees. (Lindsay) **was closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Parks & Recreation* Committee.

For a full listing of today's Agenda with Vote Result click on Marked Agenda at <http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/clerk/Agenda/agenda10.html>

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