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NYSCOPBA 2017 Legislative Priorities

NYSCOPBA's Legislative and Political Action Committee is prioritizing the following legislation for the 2017 legislative session. The legislative process can often times be unpredictable. It is our hope that these bills we see movement in advance of our scheduled lobby days. Please note that in the event that these bills do see movement, or other issues arise needing our attention, the 2017 legislative priorities are subject to change. Updated information related to the priority list will be sent to all in advance of your scheduled lobby day.

Death Gamble

S4077 Ritchie / A5133 Jenne – This bill would modify the in-service death benefit for tiers 2 through 6 state correction officers. The in-service death benefit will be the value of the pension reserve as if the member had retired on their date of death. The provision is scheduled to expire five years after the date of enactment.

Aggravated Harassment (intentional expectoration)

S2046 Bonacic / A659 Gunter – This bill would make it a felony for intentionally expectorating on a corrections officer.

Subpoena Notification

S3581 Gallivan / No Same As - Requires notice be provided to any officer or employee of the DOCCS whose personal information is the subject of a subpoena.

SSO Peace Officer Status

S247 Ortt / No Same As – This bill would allow for 24hr Peace Officer status for Safety and Security Officers.

SHTA Retirement Reopener

This legislation, yet to be introduced, would allow SHTA's, many of whom were not properly informed of their retirement options upon hiring, the opportunity to select their retirement plan from the options that are currently available to such job title during an open enrollment period.

Community Heroes Protection Act

S1114A Akshar / A2962A Abbate) would designate crimes that specifically target police, firefighters, correction officers and other emergency service workers to be punishable as hate crimes.