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NY Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022: 33%

✓ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional — Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Public Health Crisis: Declares racism a public health crisis and establishes a working group within the department of health to promote racial equity. ✓

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · S02987 · 06/10/2021

2. Green Building Codes: Promotes clean energy and the implementation of the climate agenda to the state energy conservation construction code, which increases the energy efficiency standards of appliances and equipment. ✓

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · S09405 · 06/01/2022

3. Formal Titles: Replaces all instances of the words "councilman" or "councilmen" with more inclusive words such as "council member" or "council members". ✗

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · A08272 · 01/25/2022

4. Government Assisted Housing: Provides a mechanism for the state to finance the acquisition of distressed hotels and commercial office properties by the appropriate nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing affordable housing. ✗

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S05257 · 06/09/2021

5. Racial Equity: Establishes the office of racial equity and social justice to implement the state's racial equity and social justice action plan. ✗

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S03468 · 05/23/2022

6. Equity Program: Establishes the transgender and gender non-binary (TGNB) wellness and equity program, which expands social programs in the name of equity. ✗

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S08884 · 06/03/2022

Why do these votes matter?

1. Public Health Crisis

S02987 declares racism a public health crisis and establishes a working group within the department of health to promote racial equity throughout the state and address issues related to racism.

The New York State Assembly passed SB2987 on June 10, 2021 by a vote of 110 to 39. We have assigned pluses to the nays because racism is not a public health crisis and this resolution embraces the left's woke Marxist agenda. This is an unconstitutional use of taxpayer dollars that and will create even more division.

2. Green Building Codes

S09405 establishes the "advanced building codes, appliance and equipment efficiency standards act", which promotes clean energy and the implementation of the climate agenda set forth in the New York state climate leadership and community protection act to the state energy conservation construction code. This increases the energy efficiency standards of appliances and equipment.

The New York State Assembly passed S09405 on June 1, 2022 by a vote of 103 to 47. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free market economy and advances the Marxist climate change agenda. Businesses should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and government interference in entrepreneurship and private business is in violation of that belief.

3. Formal Titles

A08272 Replaces all instances of the words "councilman" or "councilmen" with more inclusive words such as "council member" or "council members".

The New York State Assembly passed A08272 on January 25, 2022 by a vote of 138 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is conforming to the woke leftist culture that focuses on virtue signaling and being politically correct.

4. Government Assisted Housing

S05257 provides a mechanism for the state to finance the acquisition of distressed hotels and commercial office properties by the appropriate nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing affordable housing.

The New York State Assembly passed S08527 on June 9, 2021 by a vote of 146 to 2. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is government interfering in the free market and this government subsidized housing benefits only a specific part of the population. This is also another step towards socialism as subsidized housing is a misuse of taxpayer dollars.

5. Racial Equity

S03468 establishes the office of racial equity and social justice to establish, oversee, manage, coordinate and facilitate the planning, design and implementation of the state's racial equity and social justice action plan.

The New York State Assembly passed S03468 on May 23, 2022 by a vote of 140 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the left has been promoting woke radical Marxist ideas for years regarding race and sexual orientation. The government and taxpayer dollars should not be embracing these ideas.

6. Equity Program

S08884 establishes the transgender and gender non-binary (TGNB) wellness and equity program, which expands social programs in the name of equity. Increases transgender, non-binary and intersex cultural competence by investing in cultural programs or school curriculums that are designed by, or in consultation with, gender expansive individuals. Addresses inequities in current funding distribution for organizations serving gender expansive individuals.

The New York State Assembly passed S08884 on June 3, 2022 by a vote of 136 to 13. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the left has been promoting woke radical Marxist ideas for years; that you can decide to be any gender you want to be. They believe that people can choose their pronouns and that they can be transgender. Scientifically and biblically, there are two genders and the government and taxpayer dollars should not be used to conform to the woke culture of the left.