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NY Legislative Scorecard 2024: 50%

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	— Did not Vote	Vote
1. "Climate Change" Reparations for Businesses: Creates the "climate change adaptation cost recovery program," which, among other provisions, demands payment from companies that have produced a certain amount of "greenhouse gas emissions."			✓
Constitutional: No · Cast: No · S2129 · 06/08/2024			
2. Tracking Firearm Purchases: Requires financial institutions to use merchant category codes to identify firearm retailers.			✓
Constitutional: No · Cast: No · S8479 · 06/07/2024			
3. "Gender Balanced" State and Local Boards: Provides that all appointments or reappointments to any state or local board of authority shall be "gender balanced."			✗
Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes · A5212 · 03/27/2024			
4. Withdrawal of Article V Applications: Would "rescind, repeal, cancel, nullify, and supersede" any and all prior applications by the Legislature for a convention under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.			✗
Constitutional: Yes · Cast: No · B1460 · 03/20/2024			
5. Repealing the Crime of Adultery: Repeals the section of state penal law relating to the crime of adultery.			✗
Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes · A4714 · 03/11/2024			
6. Expediting the "Morning-After" Pill: Amends state law to allow pharmacists to dispense "self-administered hormonal contraceptives" over the counter 10 months earlier than previously slated to take effect.			✓
Constitutional: No · Cast: No · S8096 · 02/12/2024			



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\$297,626

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2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. "Climate Change" Reparations for Businesses

S2129 creates the "climate change adaptation cost recovery program."

This "superfund" bill relies on the hoax of "climate change," which is being used to codify extreme provisions of the United Nations' Agenda 2030 into state and federal law. The "green agenda" for a "decarbonized economy" is, in reality, a fanatical attempt by globalist elites to increase their taxing power and authority, encroaching on the property rights of Americans enshrined in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. New York must end the unconstitutional war on fossil fuels, as it only promises to prevent free-market enterprise, reduce our standards of living, and compromise the integrity of our infrastructure.

2. Tracking Firearm Purchases

S8479 requires financial institutions to use merchant category codes to identify firearm retailers.

This bill requires the unlawful use of credit card payment information to track firearm purchases. It follows recent adoption of a new merchant category code for "gun and ammunition shops" by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)—a globalist collaborative linked to the United Nations—that aids unconstitutional efforts by the federal government to conduct mass surveillance, which, in part, is intended to create a national gun-owner database and confiscate firearms from law-abiding citizens. States should nullify actions that infringe on our Second and Fourth Amendment-protected rights.

3. "Gender Balanced" State and Local Boards

A5212 provides that state and local boards shall be "gender balanced."

This bill defines "gender balanced" as "providing women candidates with a preference." It would implement feminist-backed "gender quotas," based on the false premise of egalitarianism. New York has no business "promoting women" in positions of public authority. "Women's rights" cannot be defined apart from the fact that every person is born distinctly male or female. Although both men and women are made in God's image, they each have unique, but different, characteristics and roles in the family and in society. The U.S. Constitution was written to promote the "general Welfare" of all Americans by securing each person's right to "equal protection of the laws," not "equal outcomes."

4. Withdrawal of Article V Applications

B1460 would "rescind, repeal, cancel, nullify, and supersede" all prior applications for an Article V convention.

Efforts to call an Article V constitutional convention (Con-Con) should be resisted. Instead of failing to uphold their oath of office and attempting to rewrite the U.S. Constitution, state legislators should act to immediately nullify all unconstitutional federal laws. Whenever the federal government assumes undelegated powers, in violation of the 10th Amendment, nullification of such acts is the proper remedy. Article V was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not to "misconstrue or abuse its powers." We must use Article VI to enforce the Constitution, rather than use Article V to change it.

5. Repealing the Crime of Adultery

A4714 repeals the the crime of adultery.

Adultery destroys marriages and families. Its legalization permits offenders to commit serious acts of injury against their spouses and children with impunity—thereby aiding and abetting covenant breakers while denying victims due process of law. This bill also mistakenly assumes that the bonds of marriage and family, along with morality itself, are to be determined exclusively, even frivolously, by the government. Marriage, being coeval with mankind, is ordained by God, not the state. The most sacred of all human institutions, marriage serves as the foundation of the family. God-honoring marriages are essential to securing the blessings of liberty for our children, whereas the fallout from unpunished acts of adultery has been devastating. New York should protect families rather than tear them apart.

6. Expediting the "Morning-After" Pill

S8096 amends state law to allow pharmacists to dispense "self-administered hormonal contraceptives" over the counter 10 months earlier than previously slated to take effect.

Hormonal birth control drugs and devices, particularly high-dose "morning-after" pills, can and do prevent uterine implantation of developing preborn children, causing them to function not only as "contraceptives," but also as abortifacients, thereby resulting in "silent abortions." Given that the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government, New York ought to forbid abortion and other grotesque methods of population control entirely, upholding the sanctity of life for every person. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and "unalienable" right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.