



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

August 2025

End of Session Status of Bills of Interest to the Electrical Industry

The Legislative session ended on June 12, 2025 which, after the lengthy budget negotiations, left very few session days to deliberate and pass bills. Note, full text for bills below can be found at www.nysassembly.gov

A.2747-A/ S.2536-A Ensures that construction and fabrication done off of a public work site for specific use only in a public work project be compensated at the prevailing wage rate of the project location. Language changed threshold to “significant portion of building work” from \$250,000/ \$500,000 per contract/ aggregate annual.

Status: PASSED Senate & Assembly. Yet to be delivered to Governor. Governor urged to veto.

A.3527/S.3412 Provides for the regulation of indoor and outdoor worksites with temperature protection standards and education, training and reporting requirements to ensure that employers provide safe conditions for their employees.

Context: **The bill includes exemptions for CBA and PLAs:**

(b) Construction, unless the employer is party to a: (i) collective bargaining agreement or (ii) project labor agreement with a bona fide building and construction trades council.

Status: DIED Senate Finance Committee, DIED Assembly Labor Committee

S.172/ A.84 Relates to increasing short-term disability benefits. The current bill provides a carve out for collective bargaining agreements in effect on January 1, 2027 for employee disability commencing between January 1, 2027 and until January 1, 2030.

Status: Passed Senate, DIED Assembly Labor Committee. The Senate had previously introduced the bill as part of Budget negotiations, but the measure was not adopted in the final enacted Budget.

A.3800/ S.5231 Establishes the crime of staging a construction site accident. Amends section 176 of the penal law to make staging a construction site accident for the purposes of insurance fraud a class E felony.

Status: DIED Senate and Assembly Codes Committees

A.6708/ S.36378 Relates to use of public funds for prevailing wage requirements applicable to construction projects performed under private contract. Seeks to amend the project cost threshold for prevailing wage requirements applicable to construction projects performed under private contract by reducing the public fund threshold from 30 percent to 20 percent. In addition, would repeal the Public Subsidy Board, transferring its enforcement authority to the Department of Labor, and establish a new certification process for public entities to certify the amount and usage of public funds provided.

Status: DIED, Senate and Assembly Labor Committees

A.2212/ S.4750 Prohibits the retention of any amount of payment due and owing for materials delivered and accepted for a public or private construction.

The bill would require full payment for delivered and accepted materials pertaining to public work projects and prohibits the retention of any payment due and owing a material supplier for a construction project.

Status: Passed Assembly, DIED Senate Finance Committee

A.7060/ S.1668 Authorizes the NYSERDA to administer a program to provide grants or loans for the costs related to enabling switching residences with propane or fuel-oil heating systems to efficient electric heat pumps.

Status: Passed Senate, DIED Assembly Rules Committee

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HR 3548- Langworthy This Act shall supersede and preempt any State law that imposes absolute liability standards for elevation or gravity-related risks on projects receiving Federal financial assistance. States shall adopt comparative negligence standards pursuant to this Act for claims arising under a project described in subsection (a)...

This bill is a strategy to address labor law fall from height claims in New York.

Status: House Judiciary Committee

NYS Executive Budget 2025-26

After twelve emergency appropriation extenders, the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 New York State Budget was enacted on May 9, 2025. The \$254 billion budget, largest in state history, is \$17 billion higher than 2024-2025. While the spending plan does not account for any major cuts from Washington, the budget relies on more than \$90 billion in federal funds.

Highlights of the enacted 2025-25 NYS Executive Budget include:

- **SUNY Capital Projects:** \$2.48 billion in new appropriations and \$5.9 billion in reappropriations for capital projects. The new FY 2026 appropriation total is \$380 million higher than the FY 2025 enacted Budget Capital Plan.
- **Aid to public schools** increased by \$1.7 Billion to over \$37 Billion
- **Full funding for the MTA's** \$68.4 billion 2025–2029 capital plan, including the Interborough Express and new Metro-North stations
- **FAST NY Program:** \$100 Million- Continues support for shovel-ready sites for advanced manufacturing and clean energy project attraction.
- **POWER UP Program:** \$100 Million- Supports electric infrastructure upgrades at underutilized properties to make them development-ready.
- **Unemployment Insurance (UI)** \$8 billion to eliminate the Unemployment Trust Fund debt, while also increasing maximum weekly benefits from \$504 to \$869
- **MWBE Extension:** Executive Law Article 15-A governs requirements for the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”) in New York State contracting. The Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development (“DMWBD”) oversees the statewide MWBE program operated by “state agencies as defined by Article 15-A. The Division is charged with three primary functions: (1) to encourage and assist state agencies that are engaged in contracting activities to award a fair share of state contracts to MWBEs; (2) to review applications by businesses seeking certification as a MWBE and to maintain a directory of certified MWBEs; and (3) to promote the business development of MWBEs through education and outreach to agencies and MWBEs. The MWBE program was reauthorized in 2024 and was set to expire July 1, 2025. **The enacted Budget agreed to extend the Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) program until July 1, 2028.** In Addition, a policy study analyzing potential ways to improve the effectiveness of the state minority and women-owned business enterprise program shall be due to the Governor and Legislature no later than May 1, 2027.
- **Increased opportunities for MWBEs** in state agencies and authorities procurement by increasing the discretionary purchasing threshold from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million when buying from NYS Certified MWBEs.