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**TO: NYSCPG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: PETE O'CONNELL**  
**Re: LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
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The following report lists bills of interest that were introduced during the session that concluded on June 3, 2022 that have been signed into law or vetoed by the Governor or have passed in both houses of the legislature to become eligible for gubernatorial action. It also lists other bills of significant interest that failed to pass in both houses during the session

**BILLS THAT WERE SIGNED INTO LAW OR VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

**CHAPTER 31; A.8717 by Englebright/S.8171 by Hinchey:** Chapter amendments to the Geological Trail bill that were requested by the Governor. Among other things, the amendments created an "Advisory Council" to recommend sites that would be included in the trail and extended the effective date to one year after the bill becomes law. The Advisory Council contains at least one member who shall "teach geology or be a geology professional." Signed into law on February 24, 2022.

**CHAPTER 34; A.8724 by Thiele/S.7833 by Kaminsky:** Allows for seaweed cultivation in Gardiner's and Peconic Bays. Signed into law on February 24, 2022.

**CHAPTER 69; S7690 by Skoufis/A.8832 by Gottfried:** Adds Chloromethane, Vanadium, Cobalt, Strontium, Testosterone and Methyl Bromide to list of emerging contaminants described in Chapter 716 of the Laws of 2021. Signed into law on February 24, 2022

**CHAPTER 102; S.7775 by Hinchey/A 8766 by Lupardo:** Chapter amendments that require Ag and Markets and water conservation districts to enact regulations to effectuate resilient farming initiatives contained in Chapter 735 of the Laws of 2021. Signed into law on February 24, 2022.

**CHAPTER 130; S.7840 by Rivera/A.8833 by Gottfried:** Allows Education Commissioner to waive school districts from lead testing requirements contained in Chapter 771 of the Laws of 2021 if they have substantially complied with testing requirements and levels of lead are substantially below levels required under Chapter 771. Signed into law on February 24, 2022.

## BILLS PASSED IN BOTH HOUSES

**A.5390-B by Fahy/S.6191-A by Kaminsky:** Sets goal under state's acquisition plan to conserve 30 % of State's land by 2030 and directs DEC to develop strategies and methodologies to achieve this goal.

**A.5541-B by Englebright/S.8050-A by Cleare:** Establishes stricter environmental standards for levels of ambient lead and prevention of lead contamination.

**A.9938 by Thiele/S.9181 by Kaminsky:** Relates to leasing of state-owned underwater lands for seaweed cultivation, except for lands in Gardner and Peconic Bays, where such leasing is already authorized under Chapter 34.

**S.5261-B by Kennedy/A.1891-D by Lupardo:** Provides for expanded ownership in design professional corporations by stock ownership plans and non-licensed employees.

**S.8204-A by Mannion/A.9177-C by Stirpe:** Designates the director of the Upstate Flood Mitigation Task Force and relates to assessments of Erie Canal system operation procedures related to flood mitigation and management.

**S.8816 by Addabbo/A.10188-A by Pheffer-Amato:** Relates to the filling of borrow pits in Jamaica Bay.

## OTHER BILLS OF SIGNICANT INTEREST

**A.9533-A by Abinanti/S.48-A by Hoylman:** Enacts the Private Well Testing Act. Died in Environmental Conservation committees of both houses.

**S.3542 by Stavisky/A.7884 by Englebright:** Authorizes grandfather corporations to practice Geology. Passed in Senate and died in Assembly Higher Education Committee.