



**NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR THE AGING, INC.
and Council of Senior Centers & Services of NY
2012-13 Legislative Priorities**

- **Senate bill 5174 (Valesky)/Assembly bill 7787 (Dinowitz)**
 - **Creates the Capital Infrastructure Improvement and Development for Older New Yorkers (CIID NY) grant program. This fund would provide grants to encourage improvements in the operation and efficiency of the aging service provider network in New York State. These funds will ensure the quality of community based services provided through the aging network remain accessible to older New Yorkers, including but not limited to services provided in senior centers, respite sites, NORC supported service, social adult day programs services, and others as determined by the director. This legislation would provide a much needed dedicated funding stream in order to address the growing needs of and demands on our aging network.**

- **Senate bill 162 (Maziarz)/ Assembly bill 642 (Clark)**
 - **This bill establishes definitions with respect to larceny from a mentally disabled or mentally incapacitated person. It was first introduced in 1998 at the request of the New York State District Attorney's Association Elder Abuse Subcommittee to address the growing number of elder financial exploitation cases. New York Courts have held that evidence relating to the victim's capacity to form consent is relevant in determining whether there was a trespassory taking of property. Minor changes to New York's larceny statute will codify those decisions and further clarify that wrongful taking, obtaining, or withholding of property from a mentally disabled or mentally incapacitated victim is a criminal act.**

- Assembly bill 1802 (Dinowitz)
 - This bill expands the grounds for conditional witness examination to include those with physical incapacity, mental illness, or elderly with restricted capacity. Criminal Procedure Law § 660.20 provides that a criminal court may, upon application of either the prosecutor or defendant, order that a witness or prospective witness be examined conditionally under oath so such testimony may be received into evidence at subsequent proceedings.

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