

URGENT

Hello All (IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED)

It is crunch time for our legislative agenda. This session of the NYS senate and assembly will be ending in early to mid-June. The below bills are our focus for this session and with your help they will move. We need action on all four of these bills.

		HOUSE	BILL #	SPONSOR	COMMITTEE
1	Prohibits lowering health benefits	SENATE	S5184	Sanders	2/6 Finance
		ASSEMBLY	A5108	Abbate	1/5 on floor 3rd read
2	raise survive spouse 50% to 100%	SENATE	S5631 C	Gounarde s	1/20 Civil Service & Pensions
		ASSEMBLY	A1003 7	Abate	4/29 - Gov Emp;oy
3	5 year look back for older retirees	SENATE	S6060 C	Gounarde s	1/6 Civil Service & Pensions
		ASSEMBLY	A9994	Abate	4/29 - Gov Employ
4	veterans supplement	SENATE	S5110	Brooks	1/5 Civil Service & Pensions
		ASSEMBLY	A6468 A	Barrett	4/22 Government

#1 is on the Assembly calendar for a vote. If it passes in the assembly, it will go to the senate for a vote. This bill has the greatest promise and it has the most co-sponsors of our focus bills but we need more, we need this to be law to stop a change in benefits for retirees.

#2 & #3 need an all-around push for co-sponsors which will move it further on the process.

#4 can go and has a good number of co-sponsors already.

We need all members to call their current or past NYS Senators and Assembly members and **ask them to co-sponsor this bill**. Please urge all of your family and friends to call as well. The phone numbers can be looked up on:

www.nysenate.gov nyassembly.gov

It is very important that the senators and assembly members receive these calls. The more co-sponsors the bills have, the more likely the bill will become law.

The last calls that we made moved these bills into a great position. We need to do it again to move them forward.