

March 20, 2019

Dear Chapter Presidents and Members:

With springtime and warmer weather upon us, I hope all had a good winter. I assume all our snowbirds who travel to the warmer weather have returned home. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the summer and all the barbeques, picnics and other great events that we all enjoy. I'm not rushing the spring and summer time, but I always look forward to our National Convention. So, save the dates for our September 8-10, 2019, 30th Annual Convention being held at Villa Roma Resort.

Below is legislation being supported by the National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc., for the 2019-2020 legislative session. The obligation and the focus of the National is to support legislation which helps benefit our members and their families. As you are aware, for the past decade we have rigorously submitted Health Protection legislation. This is one of the most important pieces of legislation for our members and their families. Even though we are protected by NYC's Administrative Code, intro 580, which gives us protection for our Health Insurance and Medicare Reimbursement, it only takes the Mayor and the NYC Council a stroke of the pen to change these laws. This has already been done to NYS retirees, by changing the Civil Service Laws. It also has been done in other states and cities throughout the country. As I have reported recently, the MLC agreed to generate Cumulative Healthcare, saving 1.1 billion over the NYC fiscal years 2019 through 2021. One of the costs saving they are discussing is Amendment of Medicare Part B Reimbursement...BEWARE!!

It's important for us to support this type of legislation, as that would set a precedent to protect retirees who were guaranteed these benefits. Upon retirement, retirees can no longer negotiate or have a voice through collective bargaining. Their only resource of protection is through their elected officials. It is important that the National be involved with the Alliance of Public Retirees of Ne York, which includes other NYS and NYC Retiree groups. It's also important that we visit with legislators and communicate through Memoranda of Support to make sure our voice is heard.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Lobby Day is scheduled for April 9, 2019. Presently, the National NYCPD 10-13 Association supports the below bills.

HEALTH BENEFITS PROTECTION BILL - Protects benefits we earned upon retirement.

SPONSORED BY:

Senator Andrew Lanza

S #3854

Staten Island, District 24 (718) 984-4073
Albany Office Rm# 708L (518) 455-3215

Assemblyman David Weprin

A # 4203

Fresh Meadows, Queens, District 24 (718) 454-3027
Albany Office - Rm# 526L (518) 455-5806

VETERANS SUPPLEMENTATION BILL (RETIREEES)

SPONSORED BY:

Senator John E. Brooks

S #3968

Massapequa, NY District 08 (516) 882-0630
Albany Office – Rm. 513L (518) 455-2765

Assemblywoman DiDi Barrett

A #6452

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. District 106 (845) 454-1703
Albany Office – Rm. 841L (518) 455-5177

COLA ENHANCEMENT BILLS (SIX)

SPONSORED BY:

Senator Anthony Gouardes

5- S#'s PENDING

Bay Ridge, Dyker Hgts, Bklyn, District 22 (718) 238-6044

Albany Office – Rm 902L (518) 455-2730

***NOTE: Senator Gouardes is the new Chairman of Civil Service and Pensions Committee. All the above Bills must come out if his committee to move forward.**

Assemblyman Peter Abbate

5- A#'s PENDING

Brooklyn, District 49 (718) 236-1764

Albany Office – Rm 839L (518) 455-3053

***NOTE: Assemblyman Abbate is the Chairman of the Government Employees Committee. All our Bills must also come out of his committee to move forward.**

Senator Patty Ritchie

1-S# PENDING

Watertown, N.Y., District 48 (315) 782-3418

Albany Office – Rm 412L (518) 455-3438

Assemblyman Phil Stec

Schenectady, N.Y., District 110 (518) 377-0902

Albany Office – Rm 702L (518) 455-5931

1-A# PENDING

****Senate: President and Majority Leader:**

Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, Yonkers (914) 423-4031

Albany Office – Rm 907L (518) 455-2585

**** Speaker of the Assembly:**

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastsie, Bronx, N.Y. (718) 654-6539

Albany Office – Rm 932L (518) 455-3791

****Senator Stewart Cousins and Assemblyman Heastie must approve all bills to move forward for Governor Cuomo to sign the bills into law.**

Some of the above-mentioned Bills have not yet been numbered or gone through the Committee process. At this point, the only way we will see these Bills voted on and sent to the Governor, is if we make the sponsors of the Bills aware of how important the Bills are not only to our membership but to all retirees and veterans.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! In order to make the sponsors aware, we ask that each National NYCPD 10-13 member **CALL** the individual sponsors, Senator Stewart-Cousins and Assemblyman Carl Heastie. The call can be “short and sweet”. Just mention that you are a member of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organization, as well as a member of the Alliance of Public Retirees Organization of New York. State the importance of the Bill to all retirees and veterans and the need of the sponsors’ support.

In addition, we ask that you call your district Senator and Assembly Representative and ask them to co-sponsor the above Bills.

Please make the calls. The more calls the sponsors receive the better chance we have in getting the Bills passed. Remember, there is strength in numbers! These Bills will benefit all of us. If we don’t actively stand-up for ourselves, Who Will??

If you have any family or friends that reside in the above Senators and Assemblymen’s districts, please ask them to also call them at their district offices.

Fraternally,

Frank Martarella

Cc: Executive Board

2019-2020 Legislative Agenda
April 9, 2018

<u>New York State Legislation</u>	<u>Senate #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
***1- Health Ins. Protection (Retirees) -Protects Benefits We earned upon Retirement	S3854	Lanza	A4203	Weprin
**2-Veteran’s Supplementation (Retirees) ¼% per month up to 36 months (total 3%)	S3968	Brooks	A6452	Barrett
3-COLA Enhancement Bills		Gounardes	*APending	Abbate
**a) Reduces Eligibility age from 62 to 55 with 5 years service	S6049-18	“	A10351-18	Abbate
***b) Five year additional (look- back) for older retirees	S6047-18	“	A10352-18	Abbate
*c) Increases the COLA from 50% to 100% of CPI (not to exceed 3%)	S60451-18	“	*A-Pending	Abbate
*d) Raises the maximum CPI from 3% to 5%	S6050-18	“	*A-Pending	Abbate
**e) Raises the Surviving Spouse COLA from 50% to 100%	S6048-18	Gounardes	A10350-18	Abbate
f) Increases the CAP from \$18,000to \$21,000	S3306-18	Richie	A6045-18	Steck

The above-captioned bills are being aggressively supported by the National. (Some bills have yet to be assigned numbers). As bills are revised, copies will be sent to Chapter Presidents. We have submitted *Memoranda of Support* for these bills. We are supporting any legislation which benefits our retirees and their families, and we will keep you updated.

NYS SENATE & ASSEMBLY STATUS OF BILLS:

www.nysassembly.gov/leg

1-800-342-9860