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## RMS End of Week Update 6/5/2026



### **NYS Legislative Session Concludes**

As the Legislature adjourns, lawmakers approved hundreds of bills addressing artificial intelligence, consumer protection, cannabis enforcement, environmental regulation, election administration, and judicial reform. While session ends today, many major proposals are expected to undergo negotiations with Governor Hochul through the chapter amendment process before becoming law. We will be sending detailed updates to all clients in the coming week.

### **Major Policy Issues**

#### Data Centers & Energy

#### **Data Center (A11560 Barret S10642 Gonzalez)**

Lawmakers advanced a major omnibus bill that would pause new data center permits for one year and establish new restrictions on siting, energy consumption, and local approvals. The legislation has become one of the most heavily lobbied issues of the session, drawing opposition from economic development organizations, local development agencies, and labor groups. Further negotiations are expected as the Governor continues evaluating data center energy use through PSC proceedings.

### Artificial Intelligence Regulation

#### **AI Chatbot Protections for Minors (A10379/S9051)**

Would prohibit AI chatbots from emotionally manipulating minors, encouraging self-harm, or sharing sexual content with children. Enforcement authority would rest with the Attorney General.

#### **AI Training Data Transparency (A6578/S6955)**

Requires AI developers to publicly disclose training datasets used to develop AI models.

#### **AI Workforce Impact Reporting (A9581/S8706)**

Requires employers with more than 50 employees and public companies to report annually on AI usage and workforce impacts.

#### **AI Chatbot Toys Ban (A11144/S9408)**

Prohibits the manufacture and sale of internet-connected AI chatbot toys marketed to children for five years.

### Consumer Protection & Privacy

#### **Surveillance Pricing Ban (S8623-B May/A9349-B Torres)**

Would prohibit businesses from using personal consumer data to charge different prices for identical products. The Attorney General would have exclusive enforcement authority.

#### **Automatic License Plate Reader Standards (A563/S10227)**

Establishes statewide standards governing private-sector license plate reader data collection, retention, sharing, and sale.

### Cannabis Enforcement

#### **Cannabis Supply Chain Integrity and Anti-Inversion Act (A10698/S8951)**

Strengthens enforcement against illicit cannabis products entering the legal marketplace, including substantial penalties and authority to temporarily close non-compliant businesses.

### Environmental & Public Health

#### **Health Information Privacy Act (A10357/ S9269)**

Governs companies that collect and sell healthcare information and provide additional rights and protections to users related to the sale of their private health information. Governor Hochul previously vetoed a version of a bill last year.

#### **PFAS Drinking Water Standards (A8634/S3207)**

Codifies stricter PFAS drinking water limits into state law following federal regulatory rollbacks.

\*Importantly legislation on the EPR, legislation to regulate packaging, and amendments to the state's bottle deposit law did **NOT** pass the legislature this year.

#### Food & Consumer Product Regulation

##### **Food Labeling Reform (A7291/S7618)**

Eliminates "sell by" dates and replaces them with standardized "best by" labeling to reduce food waste and consumer confusion.

#### Firearm Safety

##### **Francesco's Law (A1962/S9629)**

Expands firearm storage requirements by requiring guns to be secured whenever they are not under the owner's immediate possession or control.

#### Election & Judicial Reform

##### **Even-Year Elections Constitutional Amendment (A5036C/S5711-C)**

Would move many local elections and certain judicial races to even-numbered years. Requires approval by a future Legislature and statewide voters.

##### **Redistricting Constitutional Amendment (A11553-A/ S10637-A)**

Provides first passage for a constitutional amendment modifying New York's redistricting process and advancing broader election reform efforts.

##### **Judicial District Reorganization (A11550/ S10626)**

Revives legislation previously vetoed by Governor Hochul and creates new judicial districts centered around Erie, Monroe, and Onondaga Counties to improve regional representation and court administration.

#### Issues to Watch This Summer

- Data Center Regulation (A11560 Barret S10642 Gonzalez)
- Surveillance Pricing Ban (S8623-B May/A9349-B Torres)
- AI Chatbot Protections for Minors (A10379/S9051)
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- Judicial District Reorganization (A11550/ S10626)

### **NYS Primary Elections**

Now that legislative session is concluding members will head home to their districts where many will be preparing for the upcoming primary elections. Early voting for the primaries will be from June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup> with primary election day being June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6am-9pm.

**To find your polling place please click [here](#).**

**To view the City & State article on legislative primaries to watch please click [here](#).**

### **Governor Hochul Announces Confirmation of Three Cabinet Members**

Earlier this week Governor Hochul announced the confirmation of three members of her cabinet.

“My administration is laser-focused on making New York safer and more affordable for all — and these three cabinet members will play a pivotal role in driving results statewide,” Governor Hochul said. “New Yorkers deserve experienced, battle-tested public servants ready to get to work on day one. Commissioners O’Leary and Moser and Executive Director Kagia represent the very best of us and I am excited to serve alongside them.”

The following cabinet members were confirmed by the Senate:

- Terry O’Leary, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- John Kagia, Office of Cannabis Management
- Kathy Moser, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

**To view the full press release please click [here](#).**

### **Governor Hochul Announces 28 Appointments to New York State Court of Claims and Supreme Court**

This week, Governor Hochul announced 28 judicial appointments, consisting of seven new judges on the Court of Claims, seventeen appointments to new terms of sitting judges of the Court of Claims and four interim Justices of the Supreme Court.

“Our judicial system works best when we have talented, qualified jurists on the bench,” Governor Hochul said. “These 28 nominees bring the expertise, experience and judgment necessary to uphold the rule of law, and they will be instrumental in ensuring justice is administered fairly and impartially throughout New York.”

As Judges of the Court of Claims:

- Fiordaliza Rodriguez of Bronx County
- Mara McCabe of Erie County

- Troy Smith of Westchester County
- Jennifer Naiburg of Nassau County
- Jordan Katz of Suffolk County
- Danielle Eaddy of Kings County
- Andrew Amer of New York County

Judges of the Court of Claims Appointed to New Terms:

- Alexander Jeong of Richmond County
- Chris Ann Kelley of Suffolk County
- Damaris Torrent of Westchester County
- Charles Troia of Richmond County
- Richard Horowitz of Suffolk County
- Ramon Rivera of Madison County
- Carmen Victoria St. George of Suffolk County
- Daniel Conviser of New York County
- Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick of New York County
- Alicia Gerez of Nassau County
- Adam Silverman of Albany County
- Raymond Fernandez of Westchester County
- Anna Grimaldi of Nassau County
- Sarika Kapoor of Nassau County
- Ellen Tobin of Nassau County
- Michele Rodney of New York County
- R. Nadine Fontaine of Albany County

As Justices of the Supreme Court:

- Debra Givens of Erie County
- Joseph Risi of Queens County
- Tandra Dawson of New York County
- Louis Gigliotti of Oneida County

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**Helpful Links and Resources**

**[RMS Revenue and Tax Final Budget Table](#)**

**[RMS Health/Mental Hygiene Final Budget Table](#)**

**[Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide](#)**

**[NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard](#)**

**[NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker](#)**

**[Eliminating Distractions In Schools Resource](#)**

**[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)**

Department of Financial Services information and resources  
New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page

**Department of Health**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>  
COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers

**Office of Mental Health**

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html>

**OPWDD**

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

**State Education Department**

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>

**NYS Department of Labor**

<https://dol.ny.gov/>