In recent weeks, several of the bills that NYCOM indicated had passed both houses of the State Legislature in late May and early June were signed by the Governor, while others are still awaiting delivery to his desk. We anticipate the Legislature will return in the latter part of July to address other outstanding issues. A few of the key bills of interest that were signed into law include:

**Repeal of Civil Rights Law § 50-a: S.8496 (Bailey) / A.10611 (O’Donnell)** – Repeals Civil Rights Law § 50-a, which had made all personnel records used to evaluate the performance toward continued employment or promotion of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, correction officers or peace officers confidential and not subject to inspection or review without the individual's express written consent or a court order. (NOTE: NYCOM members can go [here](#) to view our webinar on the impacts of this repeal.)

**Extension of Building Permits and Planning and Zoning Approvals - S.8236-A (Gaughran) / A.10409-A (McDonald)** – Authorizes local governments, during the COVID-19 state of emergency, to issue a single resolution extending the expiration date for all active building permits as well as planning and zoning approvals for a period of up to 120 days beyond the expiration date stated in the permit or approval.

**Require Medical Response for Arrestees - S.6601-B (Bailey) / A.8226-B (Fernandez)** – Affirms an individual’s right to medical and mental health attention while under arrest or otherwise in custody of a police officer or peace officer. Failure to provide reasonable and good faith medical assistance could result in a cause of action against the officer, representative, and/or entity.

To see the status of other bills of interest to cities and villages, view NYCOM’s Legislative Update.