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	<i>Sponsors</i>	<i>Description of Bill</i>	<i>2008 Status</i>
<b>Fragmentation of Services</b>			
S.7125 A.1170	Winner Lifton	Amends the elder law, in relation to enacting the New York state rural communities initiatives act to establish projects that will provide integrated and coordinated services for elderly citizens in rural areas, according to approved plans developed by rural communities.	Senate: Passed 6/17/08  Assembly: Aging Committee
S.5254 A.1124	Diaz Gunther	Establishes a New York Certified Retirement Community program within the state office of the aging in order to encourage more retirees to make their homes in the state, thus providing a benefit to communities and citizens throughout the state.	Senate: Passed 6/24/08  Assembly: Passed 6/12/08  Veto Memo #139
<b>Workforce Crisis</b>			
S.7232 A.11468	Winner Koon	Amends the Public Health Law by adding a new provision 8, primary care hospitals and up-graded diagnostic and treatment centers shall have Medicaid payments for emergency services and all outpatient services equal to one hundred and one percent of the reasonable costs of such facility in providing these services.	Senate: Passed 6/17/08  Assembly: Health Committee

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S.6807-C A.9807-C	Budget	The Executive Budget proposes investing \$15.6 million of the \$362 million dollar Professional Education Pool into the new Doctor's Across New York program which will provide new physicians with up to \$150,000 in medical school loan repayment tied to a five year commitment to practice in medically underserved rural and urban communities. It also provides start-up funds for new physicians practicing in shortage areas.	Senate: Passed 4/9/08  Assembly: Passed 4/9/08  Chapter 57, Laws of 2008
S.8276-A A.11227-A	Golden Kavanagh	Amends the education law to allow a waiver of citizenship requirements for continued licensure of a physician who holds an H-1b visa or its equivalent or successor. It also allows the board of regents to grant a three year waiver from this requirement for an alien physician to work in a medically underserved area, with an additional six year extension if permanent residency is being pursued.	Senate: Passed 6/12/08  Assembly: Passed 6/24/08  Chapter 379, Laws of 2008
<b>Affordable and Accessible Training for Workforce</b>			
S.4994-B A.8645-A	Maziarz John (MS)	Addresses the nursing shortage facing New York by creating the "New York state nursing shortage correction act" and get at the root of the issue by making funds available for nursing education. Monies would specifically be targeted to create and expand the amount of nurses interested and eligible to attend schools of nursing.	Senate: Passed 6/23/08  Assembly: Higher Education Committee

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S.7304-A A.10465-A	Winner Lifton (MS)	Provides a long term care worker training pilot program which shall be established in the office for the aging.	Senate: Rules Committee  Assembly: Passed 6/23/08
<b>Economic Needs of Elders and Their Communities</b>			
S.2818-A A.7596	Golden Englebright	Increases maximum income eligibility levels for real property tax exemptions for seniors over a five year period.	Senate: Passed 6/16/08  Assembly: Aging
S.3060-A A.5566-A	Golden Englebright (MS)	Establishes a mature worker employment and training program to help workers ages 55 and older be prepared for continuing their employment after their retirement, or being trained or retrained for second careers or other work opportunities.	Senate: Passed 6/27/08  Assembly: Passed 6/13/08  Veto Memo #88
S.3143-B A.6423-B	Golden Carrozza (MS)	Provides disclosure of coverage in a long term care insurance contract. Currently the average maximum daily benefit provided for under existing long term care insurance policies is between \$150 and \$180 per day. This would ensure that consumers are adequately informed of how the policy provides for the actual costs of care that the insured is likely to incur.	Senate: Passed 6/24/08  Assembly: Passed 6/23/08  Chapter 572, Laws of 2008
S.3533 A.1894	LaValle Englebright (MS)	Creates a fixed real property school tax rate for real property owners seventy years of age or older who qualify for the enhanced STAR exemption.	Senate: Passed 5/13/08  Assembly: Ways and Means

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<b>Rural Technology Access</b>			
S.6800-D A.9800-D	<b>Budget</b>	Public/private sector partnerships will receive funds to help promote the research, design, and implementation of innovative solutions to create affordable broadband Internet access for underserved and rural communities throughout the state. \$5 million in grants for pilot projects was awarded in 2008.	<b>Senate: Passed 4/2/08  Assembly: Passed 4/2/08  Chapter 50, Laws of 2008</b>

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<b>Volunteer Recruitment and Retention</b>			
<b>S.3238-B A.5186-C</b>	<b>Winner Koon</b>	Recognizes and rewards the critical role of emergency services volunteers in our communities by providing incentives to those persons who volunteer their time and services., including income tax credits, college loan forgiveness and health insurance assistance.	<b>Senate: Passed 6/10/08</b>  <b>Assembly: Ways and Means Committee</b>
<b>S.4617-A A.7699-A</b>	<b>Seward Destito (MS)</b>	Creates the volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker health program to assist volunteer emergency service providers in their efforts to recruit and retain personnel by allowing emergency services volunteers to participate in certain public employee health insurance plans. The total cost of participation would be borne by the volunteers.	<b>Senate: Passed 6/17/08</b>  <b>Assembly: Passed 6/11/08</b>  <b>Chapter 331, Laws of 2008</b>
<b>S.6869 A.9864</b>	<b>Griffo Magee (MS)</b>	Allows volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to receive both the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers tax credit and a locally enacted real property tax exemption.	<b>Senate: Passed 5/5/08</b>  <b>Assembly: Passed 6/23/08</b>  <b>Veto Memo #120</b>