



2019 End of Session Report

Community Associations Institute's (CAI) New York Legislative Action Committee (NY LAC) was busy this session. CAI members volunteered hundreds of collective hours to review bills, draft testimony, work with the LAC's lobbyists, meet with legislators and other decision-makers, and testify for and against bills. More than 18,365 bills were introduced, and around 500 bills were enacted. The LAC reviewed more than 150 bills that directly or indirectly impacted community associations. Ultimately, one important piece of legislation passed that impacts Idaho community associations.

Bill that Passed

- **Bingo Games:** SB 3917 was signed into law on November 8, 2019. This bill limits the operation of certain bingo games run by any apartment, condominium, cooperative complex, retirement community and social or charitable organizations to no more than 1 day per week and no more than 30 times per year.
- **Assessments During Foreclosure Actions:** SB 4132 was signed into law. This bill requires a servicer in a mortgage foreclosure action of a residential real property to pay homeowners' association or cooperative fees as needed to maintain the property.
- **Green Roof Tax Abatement:** SB 5554 was signed into law. This bill relates to the green roof tax abatement by authorizing the tax abatement for any tax year commencing on or after July 1, 2019 and ending on or before June 30, 2024, which shall be fifteen dollars per square foot of a green roof. This bill also provides that the amount of such tax abatement shall not exceed \$200,000. This bill specifies that any eligible building held in the condominium form of ownership that receive a tax abatement pursuant to this law, that such tax abatement benefits shall be apportioned among all the condominium tax lots within such eligible building.
- **Condominium/Cooperative Partial Tax Abatement:** SB 6497 was signed into law. This bill extends certain provisions relating to a partial tax abatement for residential real property held in the cooperative or condominium form of ownership in a city having a population of one million or more.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** SB 5157 was signed into law. This bill provides that no covenant, restriction, or condition contained in any deed, contract, security instrument, or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of any interest in a condominium and any by-laws that prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation or use of an electric vehicle charging station is void.
- **Remote Voting Procedures:** AB 434 was signed into law. This bill requires certain corporations to permit shareholders to attend meetings via remote communication and to be deemed present for voting purposes.

For more information on the NY LAC's activities and community association legislation in Idaho, visit www.caionline.org/NYLAC.

Your Assistance is Needed

To help fund the CAI NY LAC advocacy activities in 2019 and beyond, donations are vital to our continued successes. We encourage donations from Idaho community associations and individuals. Please visit www.caionline.org/lacdonate/ and donate to "New York" to support our continued efforts.

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