

BREAKING NEWS

THE CORRECTION OFFICERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



COBA'S TWO-YEAR FIGHT TO BRING BACK THE SECURE PASS BODY SCANNERS THAT DETECT NON-METALLIC WEAPONS IN THE CITY'S JAILS IS VICTORIOUS!

WITH A LAST-MINUTE PUSH FROM NYC CORRECTION OFFICERS, THE NY STATE ASSEMBLY PASSED THE SECURE PASS SCANNER BILL TODAY BY A VOTE OF 97-15 THE BILL IS NOW ONE STEP AWAY FROM BECOMING LAW!

Following a long two-year bi-partisan fight by The Correction Officers' Benevolent Association to lobby state legislators to pass the much-needed Secure Scanner Bill that detects non-metallic weapons hidden within body cavities (#A6838/S.05337) the New York State Assembly today voted to pass the Bill by a vote of 97-15. The Bill had already passed the New York State Senate unanimously and will now be sent to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's desk to be signed into law!

Commenting on this enormous legislative victory, COBA President Elias Husamudeen said, "The Assembly's passage of the Secure Pass Scanner Bill today is a major victory in our fight for restoring safety and security in New York City's jails and, for that matter, enhancing safety in all Correction agencies in the State of New York.

Over the past two years, we have spent countless hours in trips up to Albany and in one on one meetings with virtually every State Legislator and the leaders of both the Assembly and the Senate to lobby for the passage of this bill which will allow Correction Officers the ability to use this invaluable tool to ultimately help save lives and prevent both inmates and Correction Officers from being stabbed or slashed by non-metallic weapons.

We are deeply grateful to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan for their steadfast leadership in moving this bill and making it one step away from being signed into law. And we are very appreciative of Assemblyman David Weprin for sponsoring this bill. And most of all, I want to thank every New York City Correction Officer who used the **CO TALK APP** to directly contact their local Assembly Member and urge them to support this bill! It was your vigorous efforts that helped push this Bill over the goal line and bring us one step closer to enhancing the safety and security of the city's jails. Moving forward, we will continue to call on our brother and sister Correction Officers to utilize the CO TALK APP for all our future legislative initiatives. COBA doesn't wait for things to happen, we make them happen! And today's major legislative victory is proof of that!"



Elias Husamudeen, COBA President

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