

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

AN ACT to amend chapter 50 of the laws of 2006, enacting the public protection and general government budget; to amend chapter 53 of the laws of 2006, enacting the education, labor and family assistance budget; to amend chapter 54 of the laws of 2006, enacting the health and mental hygiene budget; to amend chapter 55 of the laws of 2006, enacting the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget, in relation to the support of state government; to amend chapter 52 of the laws of 2006, enacting the state debt service budget, in relation to appropriations for revenue bond financing agreement payments

Purpose:

This bill corrects and refines the enacted 2006-07 fiscal year appropriations.

Summary of Provisions:

The bill amends chapters 50, 52, 53, 54, and 55 of the laws of 2006, enacting the public protection and general government budget, the State debt service budget, the education, labor and family assistance budget, the health and mental hygiene budget, and the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget. The bill's provisions make numerous technical improvements, and establish or modify spending authorizations, in various programmatic areas throughout the enacted State budget.

Statement in Support:

Notable changes in the bill provide additional funding for health care, the environment, capital improvements for the State and City universities and the Office for Technology, economic development and transportation; and at the same time help to ensure a soundly balanced budget and manageable outyear gaps.

The amendments are needed to support key programs, facilitate implementation of the enacted Budget for 2006-07 and achieve consistency with legislative intent and the 2006-07 Financial Plan.

Budget Implications:

The provisions of this bill can be accommodated in the 2006-07 Financial Plan.