

# Several bills with local impact signed into law by governor

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Several bills with local impact were apparently signed into law Wednesday by Gov. George Pataki.

Pataki had until midnight Wednesday to sign or veto the legislation, and the bills did not appear on the list of vetoes released Thursday by the governor's press office.

David Smingler, executive assistant to Sen. Hugh Farley, R-Niskayuna, said the governor's office of legislative affairs told him about four bills that were not vetoed.

Two of those bills affected taxes in the city of Amsterdam. One would allow the city to sell delinquent tax liens, and the other would let it offer tax breaks for new residential construction.

Another Montgomery County bill sponsored by Farley and Assemblyman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, stretched out debt repayments from the Canajoharie School District to the State Education Department.

The other bill Farley sponsored that was not vetoed allowed the Charlton School to get low-cost financing through the state Dormitory Authority. Assemblyman James Tedisco, R-Schenectady, was co-sponsor of this measure.

The governor's press office on Thursday did not have specific information about bills Pataki signed Wednesday. About 275 bills were sent to his desk by the Legislature 10 business days previously, meaning they would become law automatically unless vetoed before Thursday. Pataki normally either signs or vetoes

legislation.

Sen. James Seward, R-Milford, whose district includes Schoharie County, said the governor signed a measure he co-sponsored to promote fishing. Seward said it "would boost sport fishing as an important part of New York's tourism economy."

Some interest groups reacted negatively to the governor's vetoes. Antonia Lasicki, executive director of the Association for Community Living, which is based in Clifton Park, said "We are extremely disappointed" by the governor's veto of a bill to create a monthly statewide waiting list for supportive housing for people with mental illness.

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