

NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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MOLINARO SUPPORTS AMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Assemblyman supports bill that ensures permit owners do not have previous violations

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,C,I-Red Hook) announced the passage this week of legislation he co-sponsored in the Assembly, which would prevent communities from giving environmental permits to individuals who have previous permit violations, including individuals who have a criminal background in environmental violations, bribery, perjury, theft, or assault against a public administrator.

“This legislation will allow the DEC to consider prior criminal activity before issuing permits,” said Molinaro. “Enactment of this legislation will allow us to protect our communities against environmental violators by offering a certain degree of transparency when considering permit applications. I urge my colleagues in the state Senate to pass this important measure in their chamber.”

Molinaro explains that the legislation would allow the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform background checks on individuals seeking permits and to deny or revoke permits based on past violations. This will also prevent permit holders from receiving renewals if they had any permit violations.

This legislation (A.4110-a) passed the Assembly with bi-partisan support and is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Molinaro. It now heads to the state Senate for consideration.

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