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July 22, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed A1303B/S5532B into law, making New York State the first state in the country to ban the surgical declawing of felines. Jeffery Termini, Legislative Director of the League of Humane Voters®/NY, said, “We are grateful that Governor Cuomo has signed this bill into law as it will save countless cats untold suffering. The League of Humane Voters®/NY has been actively lobbying for this bill since it was introduced. The animal protection community of NYS can now celebrate this precedent-setting bill that hopefully will lead to other states following suit.”

Jennifer Honickman of LOHV®/NY said, “Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal and Senator Michael Gianaris deserve much praise for their strong sponsorship of the anti-declaw legislation. Cat lovers everywhere have one less thing to worry about now. Declawing doesn’t just remove nails, it’s the equivalent of removing our finger tips to the first joint. It’s a painful amputation that causes lifelong issues.”