

## NEW NYS LAW OF INTEREST

### **A8527A / S6203B, Chapter 575, Effective Jan. 1, 2009**

Amends CPLR – establishes a **procedure for claiming exemption of certain income from levy of execution by judgment debtors.**

State & Federal laws exempt certain income from debt collection, including Social Security, disability payments, pensions, public assistance, veteran's benefits, etc. Certain wages are also protected.

Despite existing law, bank accounts containing legally exempt income are often frozen, leaving many elderly, disabled, or low-income New Yorkers without access to their money to pay for basic necessities. They also incur bank fees that drain already limited resources.

This legislation **resolves the current problem of seizing exempt funds** and provides balanced protection for both judgment debtors and judgment creditors.

**For more information** and bill text: [www.senate.state.ny.us](http://www.senate.state.ny.us) or [www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us) – click on bills and laws, enter the bill numbers.

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## TRAINING & CONFERENCES

**Date: November 12 – 13, 2008**

**Event: Community Empowerment Conference – Statewide Symposium 2008**

**Theme: *Empowering Communities for Successful Aging: Housing, Neighborhood Supports and Services*** – a conference that will provide communities with the tools to become elder friendly and more livable for all ages

**Sponsoring Organizations:**

NYS Office for the Aging; AARP; NYS Association of Homes & Services for the Aging

**Location: Saratoga Hilton & Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, NY**

**Program Highlights:**

- Two plenary sessions, regional discussions, and six workshop sessions – choose from 50 different workshop options.
- Discuss the challenges of a rapidly growing aging population.
- Learn about strategies and best practices for planning and implementing aging friendly communities that provide a positive quality of life for all residents – aging in place with dignity.
- Access to resources, guidance, and experts to help with community assessment, planning, and implementation efforts.

- Learn the value of developing local community coalitions to address the changing needs of older New Yorkers.
- Networking and informal sharing of ideas with others throughout the state.

**Target Audience:** Advocates for Older New Yorkers; Aging Service Providers; Housing Providers, Local Government Representatives; and others interested in addressing the challenges of creating aging-friendly communities.

**Program Brochure, Conference Registration, and Hotel Information:**

[www.empoweringnycommunities.org](http://www.empoweringnycommunities.org)

NYS Office for the Aging web site: [www.aging.ny.gov](http://www.aging.ny.gov)

**Please note:** Space is limited. Registrations after Nov. 7 may not be accepted due to space considerations. Early registration is encouraged. Special hotel rate is guaranteed until Nov. 1 or until room block is full.

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