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## **Alessi legislation alleviates helicopter noise on Long Island**

Assemblyman Marc Alessi (D-Wading River) announced the Assembly passed his bill late last night directing the Department of Transportation to prepare a report on noise abatement procedures at local airports and heliports (A.10187).

“For many Suffolk County residents, the noise of these aircraft has become more than just an annoyance – it has become a quality-of-life issue. My legislation employs several measures to better monitor helicopter traffic in order to decrease the resulting noise pollution,” Alessi said.

The legislation implements guidelines that must be detailed in a report by the Department of Transportation, including:

- a description of noise-abatement procedures at heliports and airports;
- a description of operations and an assessment of aircraft compliance with noise-abatement procedures;
- the number of aircraft landings and take-offs by aircraft type and time of day on a monthly and annual basis;
- the number of aircraft in compliance with noise-abatement procedures;
- the means by which heliports and airports notify and inform aircraft owners and operators of noise abatement procedures;
- public outreach about heliport and airport noise-abatement procedures;
- response to complaints on a monthly and annual basis, and the way in which complaints are addressed; and
- any recommendations of the DOT to address noise-abatement.

This report will be submitted to the governor, legislative leaders and chairs of the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees.

“With this new legislation in place, flight restrictions would be better enforced and complaints will be better documented and monitored,” Alessi said.

Alessi has long supported efforts to tackle the local noise problem. He has repeatedly written to the Department of Transportation requesting intervention, and in April he backed Senator Charles Schumer’s plan for higher-altitude, less-disruptive flight paths and a telephone hotline for residents to report noncompliant helicopters.

“This plan will help to gather the information needed to enforce Senator Schumer’s plan,” Assemblyman Alessi said. “This report will provide us with a roadmap on what issues must be addressed and what the best way is to address them.”