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On your phone,  
text: **SALLYIZQUIER347**  
to: **22333**

Then during the polls, respond via the same text feed.



## Which best describes you?

Behavior Analyst

Student

Consumer or family  
member of consumer

Professional from  
another discipline

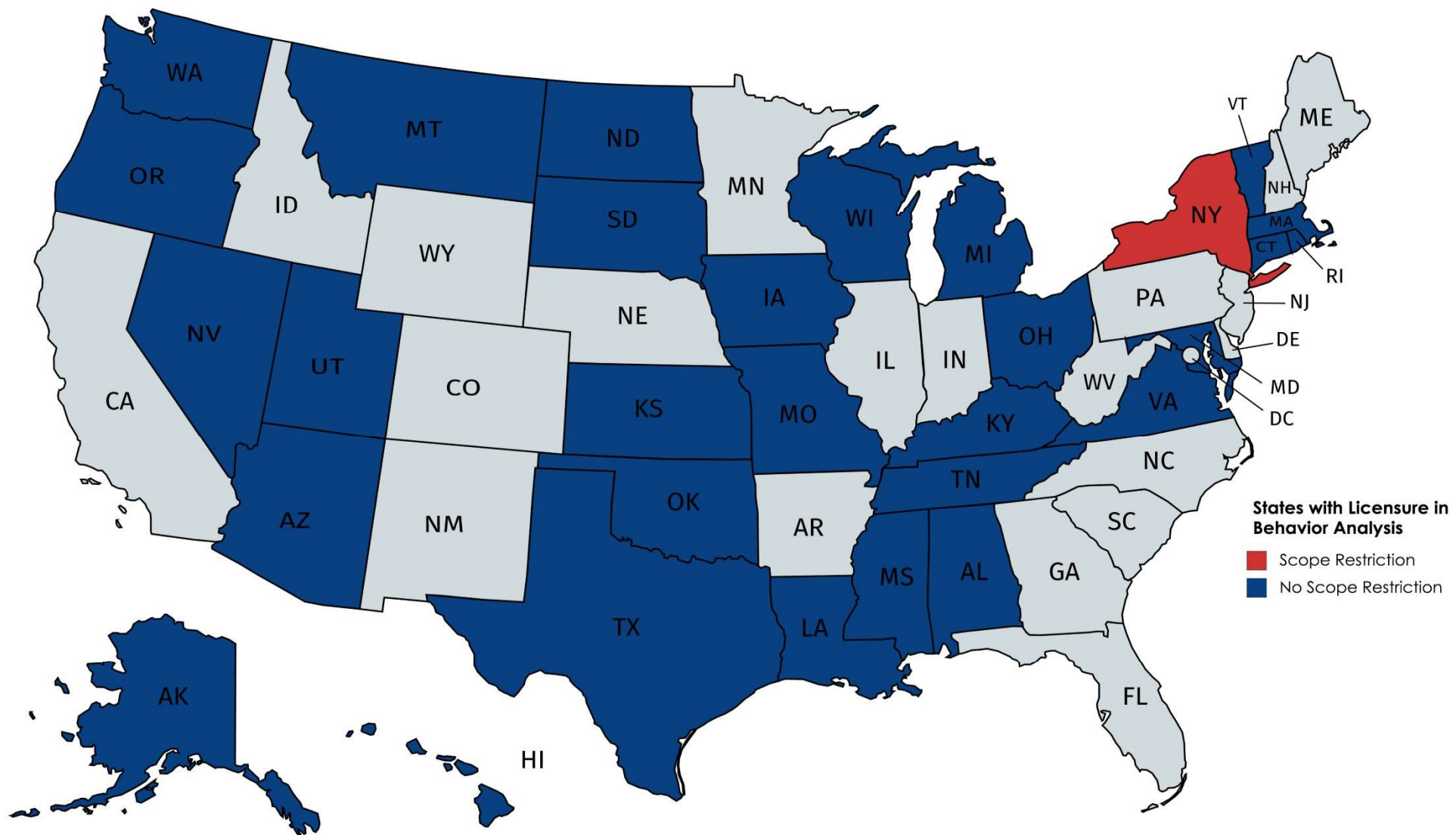


# Legislative Discussion

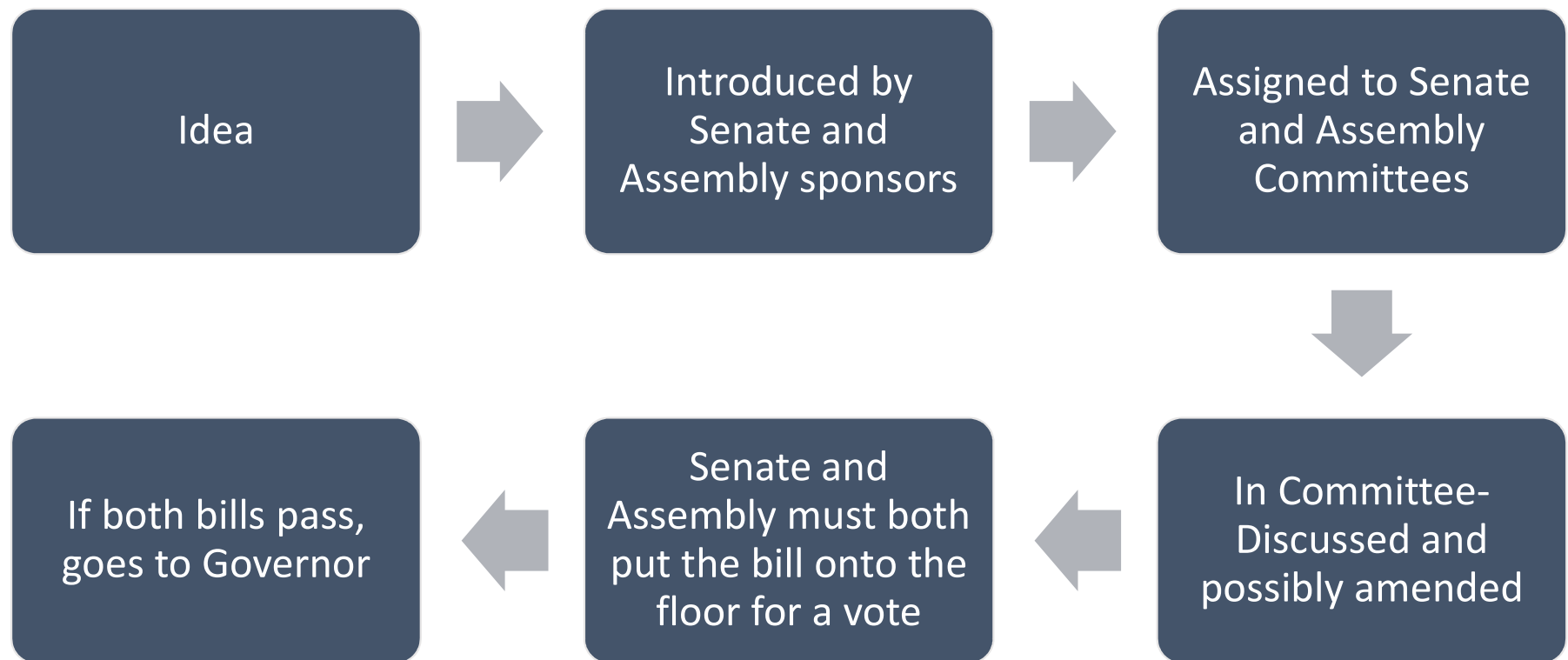
The Scope Restriction in NY State  
How it Affects YOU

**Sally Izquierdo, NYSABA Legislative Committee Chair**





# How a bill becomes a law (briefly)



## How did you help?

I wrote, called, and visited in person

I wrote and called

I wrote only

I didn't participate in contacting my representatives

**Did you help others to do the same (colleagues, friends, family members, family members or and/or consumers)??**

Yes

No





# Our Efforts

# Resources-NYSABA website

- Local lobbying information
- Draft letters
- Information about the impact by constituent group
- Action alerts
- Legislative blog with recent activity
- Video models of phone calls to legislators
- Video series, “This is ABA.”
- Sample of research publications from different areas of interest in ABA
- Task analysis and self-management plan for lobbying



Dear Senator LaValle:

I live in your district and am writing to express my deep concern for my profession and the limitations placed on me with respect to the scope of practice for Licensed Behavior Analysts in the state of New York.

# Local Lobbying



## Lobbying in Albany





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# SPEAKUPABA





# Mainstream Media

## Assembly Co- sponsorship

Matthew Titone  
Robert Oaks  
James Skoufis  
Michaelle Solages  
Mark Johns  
Aileen Gunther  
Mary Beth Walsh  
Luis Sepulvida  
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Thomas Abinati  
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## Senate Co- sponsorship

John Brooks

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Jesse Hamilton

Pamela Helming

Todd Kaminsky


Robert Ortt

Diane Savino

Chris Jacobs

William Larkin

Joseph Robach

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# Legislative Session Outcome

June 2018

- S4599 and A7632 did not make it out of committee
- Senate was supportive
- Assembly waiting on a 2019 report

# Barriers We Identified

- Glick and "The Report"
- Folks are just not upset enough
- Difficult time identifying families and others to speak
- Why??

Making the call/lobbying itself

Exempt settings

Confusion about the exempt settings

Maybe there are other reasons??

## Do you feel that the scope of practice restriction hits home for you personally?

Yes, I can't provide services the way I want to

Yes I know families who cannot access services

Yes, it impacts a friend or family member

Yes, it impacts my ability to become properly trained as a behavior analyst

Yes, combination of factors

No, I really haven't felt the impact

# How It Impacts YOU

- Behavior analysts
- Agencies
- Students
- Universities
- Consumers
- Family members
- Teachers
- Families of individuals with ASD

## Now that you know that the scope restriction impacts you, are you willing to lobby to help change the law?

 When poll is active, respond at **PollEv.com/sallyizquier347**  Text **SALLYIZQUIER347** to **22333** once to join

Yes, I will lobby and/or help someone to lobby and reach out to the NYSABA legislative committee with my story

No

## Next Steps

- Report from SED
- Introducing new bills
- Garnering co-sponsorship
- Meetings with key legislators
- LOBBYING





Related Issue

Some behavior analysts are still *only*

- LBA or
- BCBA
- Not both

**New York behavior analysts or students of behavior analysis, please respond with  
the choice that describes you**

I am a BCBA

I am in the process of  
becoming a BCBA

I will pursue my BCBA  
in the near future

I am not pursuing  
board certification

**New York behavior analysts or students of behavior analysis, please choose the one that best describes you**

I am licensed in NY

I am in the process of becoming licensed

I will seek licensure in the near future

I do not plan to become licensed

## If you are not currently licensed and do not plan to become licensed, why?

I work in an exempt setting

It's just too difficult to become  
licensed

I can't access a university program  
that is licensure qualifying

I can't access supervision for  
licensure

I found a way to work around the  
requirement

Working with students and universities—to underscore the importance of being *both* licensed and certified.

Certification because it's the gold standard

Licensure because it's mandated—It's not optional

- There are still universities that offer training in behavior analysis who offer either training for
  - LBA or
  - BCBA
  - Not both

If you are interested in entering into a discussion about this to help improve the landscape for universities and students, see me after.

## What you can do this year

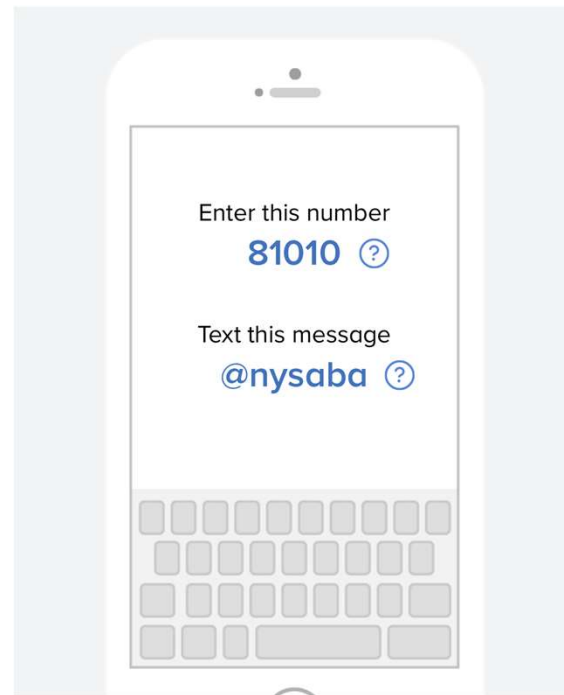
- Get to know the law-read and re-read
- Understand the exemptions-help others to do the same
- Work within the system, not around it
- Local lobbying-get everyone you know involved
- Identify families, help them tell their story
- Join the legislative committee
- Make the cause visible on social media

<https://www.facebook.com/SpeakUpABA/videos/1770658389903220/>

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## Going to the social?

Hitting the dance floor

Yes, definitely unwinding with a beverage

I'll be the one awkwardly standing on the side

I'll be the one taking pictures and posting  
them to social media

No rest for the weary...I'll be catching up on  
work tonight

Are you kidding me, I'll be in my pajamas  
watching Netflix on my I-Pad in my hotel room