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Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation to Correct the Spelling of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation (S.9089/A.2963-B) to correct the spelling of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge. The Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, named after the Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano, connects the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island. The name of this bridge has been spelled incorrectly for several decades, and this legislation will correct the spelling of the Verrazzano-Narrows bridge in a number of respective state statutes by adding the missing "z" to the name.

"The Verrazzano Bridge is a vital transportation artery for millions of Staten Island and Brooklyn residents," Governor Cuomo said. "We are correcting this decades-old misspelling out of respect to the legacy of the explorer and to New York's heritage."

Senator Martin J. Golden said, "The Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge was named in honor of Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano and connects the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island. Unfortunately, the name of this historic bridge has been spelled wrong for decades, and out of respect for simple correctness, should be fixed. Our new law does exactly this at no cost to the taxpayers."

Assemblymember Michael Cusick said, "It is critical that we correct the spelling of this iconic Staten Island landmark. I successfully carried this legislation and look forward to seeing the correction applied as signs are replaced over the next several years. This legislation will not result in any additional taxpayer funding as it instructs state and city agencies to correct the spelling in the normal course of sign replacement."