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## THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2014:

**Chapter 15**                      **S-2279**                      **6/30/2014**

Reinserts in FY 2015 Appropriations Act language that was omitted due to a technical problem.

**Chapter 16**                      **S-837**                      **7/2/2014**

Requires State Agricultural Development Committee to establish pilot program permitting special occasion events to be conducted on preserved farmland at wineries under certain circumstances.\*

**Chapter 19**                      **A-1676**                      **7/30/2014**

Provides that crime victims do not have to pay fees to obtain records relating to the crime and that requests for such records are not public information.\*

**Chapter 28**                      **A-3266**                      **8/1/2014**

Establishes Equipment Loan Program in NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust; changes submission and approval requirements for financial plan.

**Chapter 31**                      **S-946**                      **8/11/2014**

Implements constitutional amendment providing for pretrial detention of certain criminal defendants; establishes non-monetary bail alternatives for release; authorizes Judiciary to revise fees for certain legal programs and services.\*

**Chapter 32**                      **A-1999**                      **8/11/2014**

"The Opportunity to Compete Act;" establishes certain employment rights for persons with criminal record.\*

**Chapter 34**                      **S-942**                      **8/15/2014**

Provides standards for, and requires registration of, home elevation contractors.\*

**Chapter 35**                      **S-1229**                      **8/15/2014**

Authorizes fine for failure to maintain certain vacant properties; requires out-of-state creditors to designate in-State representative.

**Chapter 47**                      **A-1314**                      **9/10/2014**

Creates the option to make a voluntary contribution for the support of local libraries on gross income tax returns.

**Chapter 52**                      **A-1794**                      **9/10/2014**

Limits when bidders can be required to submit a financial statement in order to bid on a local public contract or county college contract.

**Chapter 53**                      **A-2025**                      **9/10/2014**

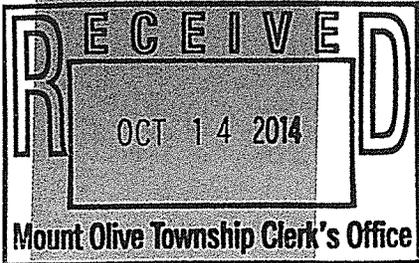
Grants immunity from liability for certain professional services rendered during emergencies under certain circumstances.

**Chapter 54**                      **A-2280**                      **9/10/2014**

Requires certain police vehicles to be equipped with cameras.

**Chapter JR-3**                      **SJR-45**                      **8/5/2014**

Designates June as "New Jersey Arts, Culture, History, and Tourism Month."



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**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<b>A-445/S-601</b>  Jasey, Mila Prieto, Vincent Jimenez, Angelica Webber, Jay	Exempts from disclosure as public record personal identifying information provided to government agency for emergency notification purposes.	2nd Reading in Senate	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1483</b>  DeAngelo, Wayne Benson, Daniel Wisniewski, John	Eliminates DOT approval of municipal traffic calming measures in business districts.	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2887/S-2209</b>  Handlin, Amy Schepisi, Holly Simon, Donna	Establishes various good governance requirements at State and local authorities.	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3198</b>  Wilson, Gilbert Garcia, Carmelo	Requires candidates undergo drug testing prior to being placed on election ballot; provides for random drug testing of State and local holders of elective public office.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3300</b>  Schepisi, Holly Lagana, Joseph Auth, Robert	Clarifies that records custodians are not subject to penalties under State's open public records law if due diligence is exercised.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3354</b>  Eustace, Timothy	Establishes "Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program."  <i>Well-intended but creates a duplicative process, which may complicate on-going efforts.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3357</b>  Singleton, Troy	Authorizes tax lien holders other than municipalities to institute in rem tax foreclosure actions against abandoned properties.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3367</b>  Wilson, Gilbert	Requires county boards of taxation to order revaluation of real property in municipalities when necessary.  <i>Mandate that does not protect the taxpayers of the municipality.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3385</b>  Fiocchi, Samuel L.	Concerns penalties for violations of wage and hour laws.  <i>Would force municipalities to remedy violations.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-3390/S-2309</b>  Coughlin, Craig Pinkin, Nancy Webber, Jay	Permits transmittal of certain land use documents via email.  <i>Conditional approval, amend to make notice of service requirement in parts with regular mail.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	*A
<b>A-3428/S-2243</b>  Kean, Sean Handlin, Amy	"Drew's Law"; establishes 15 miles per hour speed limit in or near certain public parks.	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	A
<b>A-3457/S-2341</b>  O'Scanlon, Declan	Prohibits law enforcement agencies from considering number of arrests made and citations issued when evaluating police officer's professional performance.  <i>Unnecesary State intrusion into local personnel management.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
<b>A-3477</b>  Dancer, Ronald	Permits county governing bodies, by resolution, to revise real property assessment calendar.  <i>Support the concept but the Monmouth County and Gloucester County pilot programs should be completed and analyzed before expanding them. Also concern that a county is prohibited from changing the calendar once they revise the calendar.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O
<b>A-3507</b>  Eustace, Timothy	Amends law concerning county and municipal stream cleaning activities.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
<b>A-3544</b>  Chivukula, Upendra	Requires 9-1-1 service facilities to be equipped with system for processing requests for emergency services sent via text message.	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	A
<b>A-3548/S-2354</b>  Schaer, Gary Spencer, Grace Simon, Donna	Requires local governments and authorities to obtain financing cost estimate required to be provided by NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust for certain projects.  <i>Well intended but will add time to environmental projects. In addition does not remove the requirement when a 100% of the funding is from another source, other than the municipality.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
<b>A-3556</b>  Dancer, Ronald S. Quijano, Annette	Requires Secretary of State to promulgate rules and regulations governing use of official seal of local unit.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A

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S-812 Beach, James	Changes fire district election date from third Saturday in February to third Tuesday in April, the annual election day in type II school districts.  <i>Optional approach is preferred.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-2044/A-3123 Allen, Diane O'Toole, Kevin Van Drew, Jeff	Schedules the termination of the realty transfer fees.  <i>Reduces revenue with no alternate funding source.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2089/A-389 Bucco, Anthony	Eliminates general purpose, supplemental and mansion realty transfer fees.  <i>Reduces revenue with no alternate funding source.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2134 Turner, Shirley	Establishes procedures for governing bodies of municipalities or voters to opt to move annual fire district elections to November and eliminates vote on fire district budgets, except for proposals to raise revenue above levy cap.  <i>Conditional approval, amend to require vote for capital expenditures.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	*A
S-2187 Allen, Diane	Establishes pilot project to permit certain overseas and military voters to vote in certain elections using Internet; makes an appropriation.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-2202/A-2776 Kyrillos, Joseph	Establishes "County Tourism Incentive Grant Fund" within Department of Treasury to provide funding for grants to counties to support tourism advertising and promotion.  <i>Excess State hotel tax receipts should be returned to the host municipality.</i>	Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-2233 Bucco, Anthony	Clarifies that records custodians are not subject to penalties under State's open public records law if due diligence is exercised.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A

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S-2274/A-3586 Stack, Brian Pennacchio, Joseph	Directs MVC to establish permit and safety requirements for companies that use online application program to match passengers with drivers.	Senate Transportation Committee	A
S-2320 Singer, Robert	Provides certain emergency workers with certain parking privileges.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A
S-2322/A-1871 O'Toole, Kevin	Establishes Office of River Maintenance in DEP; repeals P.L.1993, c.376 concerning stream cleaning activities.  <i>The League prefers local discretion; DEP lacks the resources to undertake.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	O

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Rooms 201/202  
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Wednesday, November 19 Sheraton Hotel Crown Ballroom
- WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST ..... \$ 30.00**  
Thursday, November 20 Sheraton Hotel Pearl Ballroom
- LEAGUE DELEGATES LUNCHEON..... \$ 40.00**  
Thursday, November 20 Sheraton Hotel Crown Ballroom

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