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BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-926 Brown, Chris A.	Provides public access to certain information received or possessed by legislators.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-1340 Quijano, Annette Dancer, Ronald S.	Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines or directives.	Assembly Committee with Amendments 2nd Reading	A
A-1600 Spencer, L. Grace	Requires drivers to move over or slow down when approaching a bicyclist or pedestrian. <i>Support concept, but the bill is written broadly and would be difficult to enforce.</i>	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-1726/S-308 Eustace, Timothy Lagana, Joseph Mosquera, Gabriela Vainieri Huttle, Valerie Gordon, Robert M.	Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains.	Assembly Appropriations Committee/ Senate Environment and Energy Committee	A
A-2459/S-278 Benson, Daniel R. Chivukula, Upendra Ciattarelli, Jack McGuckin, Gregory/ Greenstein, Linda R. Bucco, Anthony R.	Establishes one-year moratorium on replacement of copper-based landline telephone service with wireless telephone service; requires BPU to report to Governor and Legislature.	2nd Reading in the Assembly/Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
A-2614 Dancer, Ronald S.	Provides for three year retail alcoholic beverage licenses. <i>Annual review of licenses assures appropriate consideration of the public's interests and concerns.</i>	Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee	O

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A-2621/S-1801 Andrzejczak, Bob/ Van Drew, Jeff	Authorizes county government to appoint county assessor for taxes. <i>The Gloucester County Pilot Program and Monmouth County Pilot Program have two years remaining. Both pilot programs should run their course to study the outcome and determine what worked and didn't work. In addition, there is concern with the loss of local control.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate Committee, 2 nd Reading	O
A-2623 Andrzejczak, Bob	Revises animal cruelty provisions concerning euthanizing and impoundment of animals, and provisions for court disposition of seized animals; establishes civil penalty for improper euthanizing of animals; repeals conflicting sections of law.	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A
A-2638 Dancer, Ronald S.	Preserves judicial duty of impartiality by prohibiting certain communications by local government officers or employees with municipal court judges or candidates for municipal court judgeships. <i>Unnecessary under the current local government ethics law.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	O
A-2653 Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Amends "Law Against Discrimination" to provide every person engaged in raising a dog for guide or service the right to access public facilities.	Assembly Human Services Committee	A
A-2705 Jimenez, Angelica M.	Changes title of animal cruelty investigator to "municipal humane law enforcement officer" and defines term in statute. <i>Unnecessary expansion of the role of animal cruelty investigators.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O
A-2728 Pintor Marin, Eliana Johnson, Gordon M. Singleton, Troy	Extends deadline for developer to submit temporary certificate of occupancy for an Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program qualified residential project.	Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee	A
A-2779/S-1480 Andrzejczak, Bob Mazzeo, Vincent/ Van Drew, Jeff	Increases maximum municipal contribution to fire districts and volunteer fire companies; indexes amount biennially for inflation.	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
A-2798 Ciattarelli, Jack Eustace, Timothy Schaer, Gary Webber, Jay	Removes statutory requirement that health officers and registered environmental health specialists employed by municipalities receive maximum salary within their range within five years from date of appointment.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A

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A-2875/S-1854 Singleton, Troy Conaway, Herb, Jr. Brown, Christopher J. Schaer, Gary S./ Addiego, Dawn Marie	Clarifies law regarding local public contract specifications and leases of public land for agricultural or horticultural use. <i>Agree with legislation but believe the amendments to the Local Public Contracts law are unnecessary and will lead to confusion.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee/Senate Environment and Energy Committee	Conditional Approval
A-2893/S-1940 Burzichelli, John J./ Oroho, Steven V. Van Drew, Jeff	Exempts boards of education and local government payments to public utilities from certain certification requirements.	Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee/Senate Committee N/A	A
A-2894 Dancer, Ronald S. Mazzeo, Vincent	Permits municipalities to use portion of State aid under Clean Communities Program for snow and ice removal.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
A-2912 Garcia, Carmelo G. Vainieri Huttle, Valerie Oliver, Sheila Y.	Establishes additional county recording fees to support "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund." <i>Concerned that the new revenue will not be used for affordable housing.</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	O
A-2966 Garcia, Carmelo G.	Prohibits elected local government officers from accepting employment with law firm for a period of time if officer voted to award local government contract to firm. <i>Would make it extremely difficult, especially for smaller municipalities, to recruit a quality lawyers to represent the public's interests.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	O
A-2976 Handlin, Amy H.	Prohibits elected or appointed officials, and immediate family members, from participating in farmland preservation programs. <i>Too broad and could discourage farmers from seeking public office.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	O
A-2996 Lagana, Joseph A. Andrzejczak, Bob Webber, Jay	Prohibits incarcerated individuals from receiving Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. <i>Unfunded mandate, municipalities already have this discretion.</i>	Assembly Human Services Committee	O
A-2997 Rumana, Scott T.	Permits holders of certain alcoholic beverage licenses to be issued amusement game license.	Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee	A
A-3042/S-1942 McHose, Alison Littell	Concerns access to records of wages for prevailing wage public work projects.	Assembly Labor Committee/Senate Committee N/A	O

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DeAngelo, Wayne P. Space, Parker/ Oroho, Steven V. Van Drew, Jeff	<i>Unnecessary as the records are already available for public inspection under OPRA.</i>		
A-3048 Brown, Chris A.	Increases amounts municipalities may appropriate and grant for fire safety purposes.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-3052 Mazzeo, Vincent Pinkin, Nancy J. Mukherji, Raj	Prohibits municipalities from charging interest on unpaid property taxes for a month after payment is due following a significant weather event or natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor. <i>Makes a permissive process mandatory.</i>	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	O
A-3058/S-1050 McKeon, John F. McHose, Alison Littell Space, Parker/ Smith, Bob	Extends expiration date of special appraisal process for farmland preservation program from 2014 to 2019 for lands in Highlands Region.	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee/Senate Environment and Energy Committee	A
S-248/A-2939 Van Drew, Jeff Oroho, Steven V./ Andrzejczak, Bob	Restores State fiscal year 2011 reductions to Garden State Preservation Trust payments in lieu of taxes; appropriates \$3,400,000 to DCA.	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/ Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A
S-1717 Barnes, Peter J., III	Prohibits certain employment actions against employees affected by a declared state of emergency. <i>This is not cost effective.</i>	Senate Labor Committee	O

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