



New Jersey State League
of Municipalities

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

New Jersey
State League of
Municipalities

222 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: 609-695-3481

Fax: 609-695-0151

www.njslom.com

cc: Admin

(c) Legislative

Bulletin

April 2013

No. 2

2012-2013 Legislative Session

A = Approved by the League

O = Opposed by the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
ACR-186/SCR-148 Kean, Sean T. McGuckin, Gregory	Urges U.S. Congress and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider and incorporate coastal lake restoration projects as part of Hurricane Sandy recovery.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
A-196/S-976 DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Provides exclusive jurisdiction to PERC for certain unfair labor practice claims. <i>Gives too much power to PERC and will result in increased litigation costs.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee	O
A-296 Amodeo, John F. Brown, Chris A.	Provides that members of Legislature employed in local government or public education must take approved leave of absence without pay from public employment for legislative duties. <i>Could discourage good candidates from seeking State offices.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-1892/S-2359 Milam, Matthew W. Albano, Nelson T.	Creates State Beach Task Force. <i>*League requests additional representation of municipal elected officials.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A* Conditional
A-2106 Lampitt, Pamela R. McKeon, John F.	Requires lighting and security cameras at sexually oriented businesses; imposes civil penalty for permitting access to minors; permits negative secondary effects study; permits tax on sexually oriented business. <i>We appreciate the sponsors intention, but this would lead to costly litigation.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	O
A-2115/S-1352 O'Scanlon, Declan J. Gusciora, Reed	Extends "Right to Farm" protections to cultivation or production of marijuana for medical use; permits such activity on preserved farmland; prohibits county or municipal interference with such activity. <i>Infringes on local discretion.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O
A-2384/S-239 Singleton, Troy Benson, Daniel R. Albano, Nelson T.	Prohibits certain contractors from public works projects.	Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Singleton)	A

Copies of bills can be obtained on the internet at www.njleg.state.nj.us or by calling the League at (609) 695-3481 x114

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-2760 Chivukula, Upendra Rudder, Scott Riley, Celeste M. McKeon, John F. Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Requires BPU to establish uniform Statewide reliability standards for electric and gas public utilities.	Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Chivukula)	A
A-3322 Burzichelli, John J. Ramos, Ruben J., Jr.	Requires certain local and State government entities to issue certain emergency warning light permits.	Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee	A
A-3527 Dancer, Ronald S. Bucco, Anthony M.	Authorizes municipalities, by resolution, to require tax collector to remove parcel of real property from accelerated tax sale list if fourth quarter property taxes not paid but property materially depreciated following severe weather event. <i>The bill only pertains to 4th quarter taxes during a declared emergency.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3528 Dancer, Ronald S.	Requires designation of certain intersections for alternative emergency power generator in event of Statewide emergency. <i>Good idea, but should include municipal officials as well.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A* conditional
A-3535/S-2625 DeAngelo, Wayne P. Rible, David P. Benson, Daniel R. Caride, Marlene	Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission." <i>Not necessary. BPU study sufficient.</i>	Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	O
A-3541/S-2289 Johnson, Gordon M. DeCroce, BettyLou Webber, Jay	Provides "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act" exemption for artificial turf field construction by local government units.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
A-3600/S-2300 Brown, Christopher J.	Requires public utilities to provide customers notice of request for increase in rates; revises requirements related to hearings on proposed rate increases.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
A-3635 Rumpf, Brian E. Gove, DiAnne C.	Allows municipality to petition county for removal of abandoned vessel; provides that vessel shall not be deemed abandoned for period of not more than six months following declared state of emergency. <i>6 months is too long. Current time frame works well.</i>	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	O

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-3654/S-2509 Cryan, Joseph DeAngelo, Wayne P.	"Vegetation Management Response Act"; concerns vegetation management related to electric public utility infrastructure. <i>Blanket grant of power to electric utilities. League working with BPU and utilities on pilot program.</i>	Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee	O
A-3709 Barnes, Peter J., III	Deletes CAFRA permit exemption for reconstruction activities in coastal area. <i>Adds red tape to the recovery process and will slow recovery.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-3736 Handlin, Amy H. Rumana, Scott T.	Requires electric public utilities to undertake vegetation management practices near power lines. <i>Blanket grant of power to utilities. League working with BPU and utilities engaged in pilot program to develop policies.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O
A-3739/S-2526 Rumana, Scott T. Russo, David C.	Requires electric public utilities to provide training, equipment, indemnity, and reimbursement to certain municipal employees for moving and securing detached, above-ground distribution lines impeding vehicular traffic during lengthy power outages. <i>Unfunded mandates would divert local resources to meet utility responsibilities.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O
A-3783 Stender, Linda Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.	Concerns disclosure and reimbursement procedures of board of education and municipal employee health care benefit contracts. <i>Notice requirements are an unfunded mandate.</i>	Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee	O
A-3890/S-2598 Eustace, Timothy J. Schepisi, Holly Rudder, Scott	Provides limited exemption from local land use restrictions to allow certain existing structures to be raised to new FEsMA base flood elevations. <i>Should be local discretion.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-3898/S-2632 Ramos, Ruben J., Jr. Spencer, L. Grace Eustace, Timothy J.	Concerns financing of water conservation, storm shelter construction, and flood and hurricane resistance projects.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
A-3902 Albano, Nelson T. Andrzejczak, Bob	Establishes certain pet shop requirements and standards for care of dogs. <i>Unfunded mandate. Imposes new local enforcement responsibilities.</i>	Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Albano)	O

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-3920 Barnes, Peter J., III Ramos, Ruben J., Jr. Gusciora, Reed Giblin, Thomas P.	Creates New Jersey Coastal Commission; reallocates certain funds from DEP to commission; and appropriates \$20 million. <i>Usurps local planning.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-3921 Barnes, Peter J., III Ramos, Ruben J., Jr.	Changes type of development requiring CAFRA permit from DEP. <i>Adds red tape and will slow recovery.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-3931 McGuckin, Gregory P.	Excludes certain public works contracts related to Hurricane Sandy recovery from prevailing wage requirements.	Assembly Labor Committee	A
A-3947 Rudder, Scott Riley, Celeste M.	Provides for lower speed limits on residential access streets and increased fines for speeding. <i>Current limits adequate to local needs.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-3949 Cryan, Joseph	Authorizes conversion of seasonal license to sell alcoholic beverages to plenary retail license under certain circumstances. <i>Current requirements adequate to local needs.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-3956 Eustace, Timothy J.	Establishes the "New Jersey Sunshine in Litigation Act"; requires disclosure of judgements, records, and settlements concerning public hazards. <i>Unfunded mandate and also will decrease settlements.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	O
SCR-52 Allen, Diane B.	Establishes "Task Force To Study Streamlining Shared Services." <i>Not needed, LUARCC study completed.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-26/A-3671 Whelan, Jim Turner, Shirley K.	"The Reliability, Preparedness, and Storm Response Act"; requires public utilities to file certain information concerning emergency preparedness with BPU and increases certain penalties.	Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
S-1291 Vitale, Joseph F.	Establishes moratorium on licensing of certain emergency medical service helicopter response units pending evaluation and report.	Senate Judiciary Committee	A

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
S-1676/A-2382 Kean, Thomas H., Jr.	Permits boards of education to convey certain school property to nonprofit senior citizen organizations for nominal consideration.	Senate Education Committee	A
S-1975 Cardinale, Gerald	Requires Division of Purchase and Property to establish Internet commerce site for purchase of fire equipment approved by State contract.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-2235/A-3351 Thompson, Samuel D.	Prohibits the use of county and municipal vehicles by part-time elected local government officers. <i>Local elective office is a full time job. Let locals regulate vehicle usage.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2340 Rice, Ronald L.	Expands ability of the court to order payment of attorney fees and costs by parties who file frivolous lawsuits.	Senate Judiciary Committee	A
S-2349/A-3532 Singer, Robert W. Lesniak, Raymond J.	Directs BPU to adopt best practices and standards for public utility disaster response. <i>Concerns with costs of some specifics standards. The legislature should allow BPU to set technical requirements.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	O
S-2437 O'Toole, Kevin J.	Provides for certain limits on rates sewerage facilities may charge for processing diverted wastewater from other sewerage facilities when damaged by a natural disaster or other emergent event. <i>Would inhibit cooperation between facilities.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	O
S-2488 Rice, Ronald L. Cunningham, Sandra B.	Protects certain politically active employees from retaliatory action by employers. <i>Expands potential liability for municipalities.</i>	Senate Labor Committee	O
S-2538/A-3776 Holzapfel, James W.	Provides certain immunities from spectator-based lawsuits arising from youth sports events.	Senate Judiciary Committee	A
S-2563/A-3809 Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr.	Authorizes installation of residential automatic standby generator without zoning or planning board approval. <i>Should be local discretion.</i>	Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading	O

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
S-2584 Buono, Barbara Greenstein, Linda R.	Revises process for awarding certain public contracts in connection with an emergency. <i>Unworkable and impractical. It will make it difficult for municipalities to take appropriate action during an emergency.</i>	Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading	O
S-2599/A-3889 Rible, David P. Wolfe, David W.	Requires consideration of increased property value due to dune construction in determining compensation provided for condemned beachfront property.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	A
S-2572 Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr. Smith, Bob	Expands definition of "acquisition," for purposes of county and municipal open space trust funds, to include demolition, removal of debris, and restoration of lands being acquired.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	A
S-2619/A-3923 Codey, Richard J. Sacco, Nicholas J.	Exempts from disclosure as public record personal identifying information provided to government agency for emergency notification purposes.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-2620/A-3874 Sacco, Nicholas J. Cunningham, Sandra B.	Revises eligibility criteria for shore protection funding. <i>Unnecessary as measures are already in place.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	O
S-2641/A-3957 Scutari, Nicholas P.	Provides red light camera fines are shared with county only when violation occurs on county road.	Senate Transportation Committee	A
S-2650/A-4004 O'Toole, Kevin J.	Provides exceptions to garnish exemption against benefits from State-administered pension systems for certain financial claims under State law.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-2652/A-3945 Smith, Bob	Requires hazard mitigation plan element in municipal master plan; appropriates \$95,000. <i>Unnecessary and redundant, the appropriation is inadequate.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O