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**THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED
AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2013:**

Chapter 62 **S-1469** **6/13/2013**

Provides surviving spouses of certain fire and police personnel who die in line of duty with workers' compensation for entire period of survivorship.

Chapter 63 **S-1904** **6/13/2013**

Allows for the issuance of special licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in qualifying development projects.

Chapter 70 **S-69** **6/27/2013**

Increases fine and imposes license suspension for talking or texting on hand-held device while driving.

A = Approved by the League

O = Opposed by the League

| BILL NO. AND SPONSOR | BILL SUMMARY | CURRENT STATUS | LEAGUE POSITION |
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| A-1969/S-588 McKeon, John F. Tucker, Cleopatra G. O'Scanlon, Declan Casagrande, Caroline Wilson, Gilbert L. Brown, Christopher J. | Extends eligibility for veterans' property tax deduction to residents of continuing care retirement communities. <i>Deduction should be given directly to the veteran and not the facility who only needs to give a fraction of the deduction back to the veteran.</i> | Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading | O |
| A-3984 Amodeo, John F. O'Donnell, Jason | Clarifies that municipalities that failed to fill police vacancies created by retirements are eligible for "Safe and Secure Communities" grants. | Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee | A |
| A-3991 Burzichelli, John J. Coutinho, Albert | Authorizes issuance of special licenses to serve and distribute alcoholic beverages in smart growth areas. <i>Jurisdictional conflicts; municipality, not The Division of ABC, should be approving authority.</i> | Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee | O |
| A-4003 Eustace, Timothy J. Wimberly, Benjie E. Gusciora, Reed Barnes, Peter J., III | Establishes Capture, Control, and Conserve Reward Rebate Program in DEP to encourage property owners to implement certain techniques to conserve water or control stormwater runoff. | Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee | A |

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| A-4005 Dancer, Ronald S. | Authorizes subdivision of certain preserved farms into smaller preserved farms under certain circumstances. <i>Undermines the intent of Farmland preservation program.</i> | Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee | O |
| A-4037 Cryan, Joseph Webber, Jay | Provides for designation and training of certain law enforcement officers as human trafficking resource officers. <i>Possible unfunded mandate.</i> | Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee | O |
| A-4045/S-2745 Coughlin, Craig J. | Requires local governments and school boards in SHBP/SEHBP to certify savings based on three bids from non-SHBP/SEHBP plans before continuing SHBP/SEHBP in new collective negotiations agreements. <i>This is not practical because it does not consider the Affordable Care Act. Also health benefits plans do not always expire at the same time as collective bargaining agreements.</i> | Assembly State Government Committee | O |
| A-4064/S-2773 Singleton, Troy Conaway, Herb, Jr. | Requires percentage of motor vehicle fines be used to support safe routes to school initiatives. <i>Diverts local revenue to State. Funding could be redirected to other uses.</i> | Assembly Appropriations Committee | O |
| A-4065/S-2772 Singleton, Troy Conaway, Herb, Jr. | Increases fine for violation of certain laws concerning pedestrian safety and traffic control; dedicates funds to certain roadways. <i>Fine increase is appropriate, however new State Funding could be redirected to other uses.</i> | Assembly Appropriations Committee | O |
| A-4078 Rumpf, Brian E. Gove, DiAnne C. | Permits municipalities impacted by Hurricane Sandy to borrow for current expenses through December 31, 2014, and repay special emergency notes over a 10-year period. | Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee | A |
| A-4085 Dancer, Ronald S. | Limits payment to any public officer or employee terminated prior to expiration of individual contract of employment. <i>This is a violation of private contract rights.</i> | Assembly State Government Committee | O |
| A-4090 Bramnick, Jon M. Schepisi, Holly | Clarifies procedure for municipalities sharing police patrol responsibilities. | Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee | A |
| A-4100/S-2666 Eustace, Timothy J. | Extends alternate route police training certification for military personnel for time deployed. | Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee | A |

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| A-4123 Singleton, Troy Casagrande, Caroline | Requires municipal tax assessors to use disaster relief special tax codes to reduce assessments for parcels of real property destroyed or damaged due to disaster event. <i>Should remain as regulations to provide flexibility.</i> | Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee | O |
| A-4143 Cryan, Joseph | Requires municipality to revoke autocab consent for certain motor vehicle violations. | Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee | A |
| A-4147 Greenwald, Louis D. Rible, David P. | Requires certain public contract bid advertisements to contain certified cost estimate ranges, specifies grounds for rejection of all bids, and requires 50% guaranty on bids; designated as the Fairness in Bidding Act. <i>The provisions of this bill will limit competition.</i> | Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee | O |
| A-4236/S-2871 Brown, Christopher J. | Gives priority status for connection of solar photovoltaic systems for customer-generators who are public entities. | Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee | A |
| A-4317 Singleton, Troy DeAngelo, Wayne P. Watson Coleman, Bonnie | Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid. <i>Laws already exist to ensure that prevailing wage will be paid.</i> | Assembly Labor Committee | O |
| S-1071/A-616 Connors, Christopher J. | Permits conversion of fines for violation of certain municipal ordinances into tax liens. <i>Another tool to recoup money, however, would suggest that the bill be amended to allow the filing cost to be part of the lien.</i> | Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee | A* conditional |
| S-2677/A-3982 Vitale, Joseph F. | Permits municipalities to hold certain inactive liquor licenses reserved for smart growth developments for an additional five years. | Senate Law and Public Safety Committee | A |
| S-2679/A-4099 Gordon, Robert M. | Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process. <i>Would allow Local Finance Board to ignore local conditions and make the study of fiscal consequences of consolidation optional.</i> | Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee | O |
| S-2699/A4076 O'Toole, Kevin J. Bucco, Anthony R. | Limits law enforcement officers' civil and criminal liability for injuries occurring during motor vehicle pursuits. | Senate Law and Public Safety Committee | A |

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| S-2748 Beach, James Greenstein, Linda R. | Requires issue advocacy organization disclosure; increases disclosure of campaign finance information; raises amount of money contributable to committees; modifies restrictions on contributions by certain business entities performing public contracts. <i>Bill would eliminate local pay to play ordinances.</i> | Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee | O |
| S-2806/A-4169 Holzapfel, James W. | Requires mortgage lenders to maintain vacant, age-restricted dwelling units during foreclosure. | Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee | A |
| S-2819 Gordon, Robert M. | Exempts certain personal information from State's open public records law; bars attorney's fees award in denial of access proceeding in certain circumstances. <i>Need to expand information exempted as personal information.</i> | Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee | A |
| S-2823/A-4327 Weinberg, Loretta Oroho, Steven V. | Concerns procedures for public comment about matters before municipal planning and zoning boards. <i>Legislation would require acceptance of written comments by planning and zoning boards, which violates the purpose of the hearing and due process.</i> | Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee | O |



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