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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2015:

Chapter 62 **S-3101** **6/26/2015**

Makes fiscal year 2015 State supplemental appropriations, reduces State appropriations and amends language provisions.

Chapter 69 **S-2458** **7/6/2015**

Permits municipal redevelopers to receive tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program for certain mixed use parking projects

Chapter 70 **S-2980** **7/6/2015**

Revises certain requirements concerning provision of emergency medical services.

Chapter 71 **A-2996** **7/6/2015**

Authorizes snow removal from covered fire hydrants and locator pole installation.

Chapter 72 **A-4196** **7/6/2015**

Clarifies and revises certain aspects of the "Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act".

Chapter 75 **A-1294** **7/31/2015**

Extends Right to Farm Act protections to commercial beekeepers, with some restrictions.

Chapter 76 **A-1295** **7/31/2015**

Establishes exclusive State regulatory authority over apiary activities and allows for delegation of monitoring and enforcement authority to municipalities.

Chapter 80 **A-1883** **8/6/2015**

Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise; increases total retail value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.

Chapter 86 **S-756** **8/10/2015**

Creates sporting facility license governing sale of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances.

Chapter 88 **S-1813** **8/10/2015**

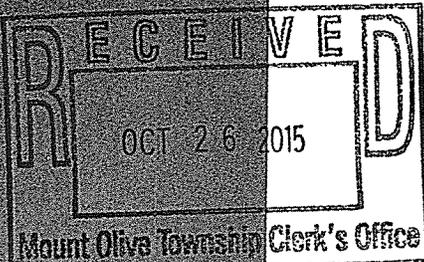
Requires each State agency to review permits issued by the agency and make necessary changes to expedite and facilitate permitting.

Chapter 90 **S-2109** **8/10/2015**

Clarifies that county sheriff may simultaneously hold position of emergency management coordinator.

Chapter 95 **S-2454** **8/10/2015**

Streamlines responsibilities of Division of Local Government Services and local governments; designated as the Division of Local Government Services Modernization and Local Mandate Relief Act of 2015.



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Chapter 101 **S-2599** **8/10/2015**

Provides certain definitions for biofuels under "Motor Fuels Tax Act."

Chapter 103 **S-2995** **8/10/2015**

Revises requirements for establishment of central municipal courts.

Chapter 106 **A-4527** **8/25/2015**

Makes certain changes to Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

A = Approved By the League

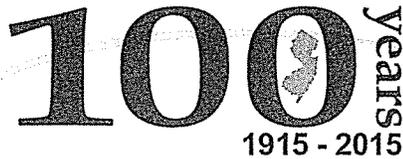
O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p>A-3192 Dancer, Ronald Conaway, Herb</p>	<p>Expands EMT and first responder scopes of practice to include the administration of opioid antidotes, and extends immunity under Overdose Prevention Act to such actors, thereby making permanent a DOH waiver that was issued on March 20, 2014.</p>	<p>Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-3925/S-2548 Mazzeo, Vincent Gusciora, Reed Fuentes, Angel Wilson, Gilbert Norcross, Donald Beach, James</p>	<p>Authorizes limited brewery licensee to operate restaurant under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee/Senate Law and Public Safety Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-3993 Fiocchi, Samuel Dancer, Ronald</p>	<p>Requires consideration of ecotourism when evaluating and ranking applications by local government units or qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations for acquisition or development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes.</p> <p><i>Could penalize applications where ecotourism is not a factor; current program works.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4059 Eustace, Tim Lagana, Joseph Garcia, Carmelo</p>	<p>Establishes amber light duration at traffic control signals.</p> <p><i>Imposes unspecified costs on local units for ongoing traffic studies, maintenance and recalibration of equipment and likely litigation.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4291 Dancer, Ronald</p>	<p>Permits volunteer fire company or volunteer first aid or rescue squad licensed to conduct bingo games to use public building for operation of bingo games under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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A-4384/S-3145 DeAngelo, Wayne Pintor Marin Eliana Danielsen, Joe Whelan, Jim	Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case.	2 nd Reading in Assembly/Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
A-4385 Wimberly, Benjie Lampitt, Pamela Giblin, Thomas Tucker, Cleopatra	"Responsible Dog Ownership Act." <i>We hope to be able to work with the sponsors, but this bill, as currently drafted, raises implementation concerns and ignores the dangers often posed by smaller dogs.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O
A-4455 Dancer, Ronald	Requires certain gas companies to use existing right-of-way when constructing new transmission lines where practicable and to seek consent of municipalities prior to initiating certain projects.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
A-4487 Munoz, Nancy	Concerns payment of leave time to employee in year of employee's retirement. <i>Needs to be strengthened.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O
A-4501 Dancer, Ronald	Requires BPU to allow public comment at public meetings; establishes requirements for public meetings concerning installation of natural gas conductors and related facilities.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
A-4502 Dancer, Ronald	Prohibits person with foreign criminal conviction from seeking and holding elective public office in this State under certain circumstances; increases penalty for election bribery offense.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-4503 Dancer, Ronald	Prohibits placement of certain intrastate natural gas pipelines within 100 feet of buildings.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
A-4553 Dancer, Ronald	Establishes procedures for registering equivalent of vicious or potentially dangerous dog relocated into State from out of State. <i>Best left to local resolution.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O

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A-4566 Bucco, Anthony Johnson, Gordon	Establishes criminal penalties for unlawful control over weapons of any law enforcement officer and interface with equipment or duties of law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-4585 Dancer, Ronald	Establishes right to contest accuracy of parking meter. <i>Costly.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O
A-4625 DeAngelo, Wayne	Establishes uniform rates for water and sewer services for residential use based exclusively on metered consumption. <i>A one-size-fits all approach is not appropriate for water and sewer services. A local unit must be able to charge a minimum fee to cover the overhead expenses.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O
A-4626 Rodriguez-Gregg, Maria Lagana, Joseph	Prohibits use of light frame construction in certain municipalities; establishes fire safety protocols for light frame construction projects. <i>Should be left to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC).</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	O
A-4642/S-3014 Eustace, Tim Smith, Bob Bateman, Christopher	Removes cap on tax on transfers of hazardous substances to fund emergency preparedness and response to certain spills.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	A
S-425 Pennacchio, Joseph Sweeney, Stephen	Requires municipal governing body approval of new municipal free public library capital projects.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2748/A-4178 Codey, Richard Bateman, Christopher McKeon, John Jasey, Mila	Restricts use of eminent domain by private pipeline companies to those demonstrating pipeline is in the public interest and that agree to certain regulation by BPU.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
S-2910/A-4389 Kean, Thomas H., Barnes, Peter Coughlin, Craig O'Scanlon, Declan	Permits certain breweries to sell beer at community farm markets.	Senate Economic Growth Committee/Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A
S-2978/A-4194 Van Drew, Jeff Oroho, Steven Burzichelli, John	Authorizes mobile electronic waste destruction units to operate without DEP permit. <i>Regulation is appropriate.</i>	Passed by the Senate (40-0)/ Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O

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S-3033 Stack, Brian	Requires public utility to remove utility pole no longer in use within a right of way within 14 days of replacement of utility pole.	Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
S-3054/A-4516 Vitale, Joseph Wisniewski, John Coughlin, Craig	Requires DEP to offer to purchase and demolish certain contaminated residential property. <i>Funding will be insufficient; may not be best use of land in all circumstances.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
S-3108 Addiego, Dawn Marie	Permits construction of natural gas transmission lines on areas of preserved farmland already subject to existing utility easements under certain circumstances. <i>Undermines farmland preservation program.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	O
S-3132 Lesniak, Raymond	Provides that two members of board of education of Type II school district will be appointed by mayor or other chief executive officer of municipality constituting district.	Senate Education Committee	A
S-3138/A-4565 Cruz-Perez, Nilsa Beach, James Oliver, Sheila Pintor Marin, Eliana McKeon, John Jasey, Mila Tucker, Cleopatra	Applies local public contract bid threshold amounts to local pay to play and prevailing wage laws.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee/Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
S-3144 Sweeney, Stephen	Requires local units to recover contributions under Emergency Services Length of Service Award Program paid in excess of statutory limit; requires annual audits.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A



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Upcoming Seminars and Events

**1. Labor Negotiations: Understanding Collective Negotiations,
the Impact of the Sunset of Chapter 78 and the “Cadillac Tax”**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m

Location: Doubletree Hotel, 780 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

CEUs: *CMFO/CCFO-2.0 Bud, 2.0 Off Mgmt; CPWM-2.0 Govt, 2.0 Mgmt;
RMC-2.0 Fin, 2.0 Professional Devel; CPA-4.0 FIN; NJCLE-4.0; PACLE-3.5*

2. “How to Find Grants that Meet your Municipality’s Needs” Webinar

Thursday, October 29, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Your Computer

CEUs: *CMFO/CCFO-1.0 Off MGMT; CPWM-1.0 GOVT; RMC-1.0 Prof Devel; QPA-1.0 Off Admin;
CPA-1.0 MAS; CRP-1.0; RPPO/RPPS-1.0 M/S*

**3. “OPRA in Depth: Redactions, Personal Privacy, Security, ACD,
and Attorney Client Privilege”**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Doubletree Hotel, 780 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

CEUs: *CMFO/CCFO-4.0 Off MGMT; CTC-4.0 Gen/Sec; CPWM-4.0 MGMT; RMC-4.0 REC;
QPA-4.0 Off Admin/Gen Duties; CPA-4.0 Personal Development; CRP-3.0; RPPO/RRPS-4.0 Eth;
Registrar-1.0 CMR; NJCLE-4.0; PACLE3.5*

**4. The NJLM and NJAPZA Present: Managing Escrow Accounts
for Land Development Applications**

Friday, December 4, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Your Computer

CEUs: *CMFO/CCFO-1.0 Fin/Debt Mgmt; Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary-1.0;
Land Use Administrator-1.0; Zoning Official-1.0*

5. A Review of the Open Public Records Act Webinar

Thursday, December 10, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Your Computer

CEUs: *CMFO/CCFO-1.0 Off Mgmt; CTC-1.0 Gen/Sec; CPWM-Govt; RMC-1.0 Rec;
QPA-1.0 Off Admin; CPA-1.0 Personal Development; CRP-1.0; RPPO/RPPS-1.0 Eth; NJCLE-1.2*

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