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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2014/2015:

Chapter 3 — A-1483 — 1/16/2015

Eliminates DOT approval of municipal traffic calming measures in business districts.

Chapter 5 — S-1050 — 2/5/2015

Extends for five years expiration date of special appraisal process for Green Acres program and farmland preservation program for lands in Highlands Region; makes change to special appraisal process for certain farmers.

Chapter 10 — S-2378 — 2/5/2015

Extends "Overdose Prevention Act" immunity provisions to certain professionals and professional entities, and permits needle exchange programs to obtain standing order for opioid antidote.

Chapter 16 — A-3357 — 2/5/2015

Authorizes tax lien holders other than municipalities to institute in rem tax foreclosure actions against abandoned properties.

Chapter 18 — A-3628 — 2/5/2015

"Water Infrastructure Protection Act."

Chapter 19 — A-3969 — 2/5/2015

"Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act"; "Hackensack Meadowlands Transportation Planning District Act of 2014"; "New Jersey Meadowlands Tax Relief Act."

Chapter 20 — A-2305 — 2/6/2015

Requires DEP Commissioner to periodically study and make recommendations concerning blue roofs and green roofs.

Chapter 21 — A-2479 — 2/6/2015

Requires elevators in new buildings be at least a certain size.

Chapter 63 — A-3213 — 10/24/2014

"Economic Opportunity Act of 2014, Part 3."

Chapter 64 — S-1092 — 11/13/2014

Reduces amount of fire duty required in order to receive exempt fireman certificate.

Chapter 83 — A-3629 — 12/26/2014

Eliminates voter registration and in-district residency requirements for certain petition circulators; eliminates in-district residency requirement for petition circulators for partisan primary nominations; establishes petition circulator criteria.

Chapter 89 — S-2021 — 1/9/2015

Exempts certain temporary farm structures from permit and transition area requirements of "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act."

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O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-2023/S-2675 Greenwald, Louis Benson, Daniel	Revises definition of "responsible charge" as it pertains to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects. ***Dilutes definition, loss of local supervision.***	Senate Commerce Committee	**O**
A-3778 Garcia, Carmelo Lampitt, Pamela	Prohibits sex discrimination in pay and reprisals against employees disclosing employment information or requesting flexible work arrangements. ***Duplicative under federal law.***	Assembly Women and Children Committee	**O**
A-3783/S-83 Garcia, Carmelo O'Donnell, Jason	Requires newly-constructed multiple dwellings with six or more residential units to install standby generators to provide electricity in case of emergency. ***Would change requirements for existing applications; vague as to the specifics of the generators.***	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	**O**
A-3800 Dancer, Ronald	Requires anticipation of parking fees in county and municipal budgets. ***Unneccessary.***	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	**O**
A-3829 Andrzejczak, Bob Mazzeo, Vincent Burzichelli, John. Riley, Celeste	Permits agriculture-related events on preserved farmland. ***Undermines State preservation program.***	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	**O**
A-3839 Handlin, Amy H.	Requires signs displaying clear instructions be posted in vicinity of parking meters. ***Unfunded mandate.***	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	**O**
A-3843 Caputo, Ralph Giblin, Thomas Tucker, Cleopatra Johnson, Gordon Mainor, Charles Sumter, Shavonda	Permits municipality to enact ordinance allowing voluntary registration of private outdoor video surveillance cameras. ***Unneccessary.***	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	**O**
A-3847 Simon, Donna	Requires certified animal control officers and animal cruelty investigators to engage in continuing education. ***Needs funding source.***	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	**O**
A-3869 Garcia, Carmelo Caride, Marlene	Establishes State Taxi Commission. ***Would preempt local regulation of taxes. Municipalities would still be responsible for enforcement and emergency response.***	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	**O**

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A-3987/S-2698 Mosquera, Gabriela	Permits certain fire police units to appoint fire police officers.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	**A**
A-4029 Schaer, Gary	Permits service of parking tickets by mail.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	**A**
A-4067/S-2524 Lagana, Joseph	The "Municipal Volunteer Property Tax Reduction Act"; permits certain municipal property owners to perform volunteer services in return for property tax vouchers. ***Well-intended legislation but will have a significant impact on municipal revenue.***	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	**O**
A-4091/S-2690 Eustace, Tim	Allows certain on-site generation facilities to deliver electricity without utilizing electric public utility infrastructure. ***Decisions as to where to shelter should be left to the local OEM; bill lacks specifics.***	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	**O**
S-2523/A-3917 Gill, Nia	Permits municipalities and municipal parking authorities to create Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	**A**
S-2563 Stack, Brian	Prohibits sewerage authorities, municipal authorities, and local units of government from charging interest on unpaid sewer fees and charges attributable to State or local entities, including housing authorities. ***Shifts burden of taxes while providing no incentive to pay taxes.***	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	**O**
S-2594/A-3968 Addiego, Dawn Marie	Requires public utilities to provide priority service to public schools, private schools, and public safety agencies. ***We appreciate the intent, but all branches of local government should be included.***	Senate Economic Growth Committee	**O**
S-2701 Van Drew, Jeff	Requires creditors to maintain vacant and abandoned non-residential properties under foreclosure.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	**A**
S-2702 Van Drew, Jeff Connors, Christopher	Requires creditors to maintain interior of vacant and abandoned residential property under foreclosure.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	**A**

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Please bring the following to the attention of
your fellow governing body officials and department heads.

New Jersey State League of Municipalities 100th Anniversary and William G. Dressel, Jr. Retirement Banquet

Attend this banquet and be a part of these major milestones
for Bill, the League and New Jersey local government.

May 7, 2015

Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Boulevard
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

6:30 PM Open Bar Cocktail Hour
7:30 PM Dinner and Program

Come celebrate two major milestones in one evening. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; 100 years of local government cooperation and dedication to good self-government. All 565 municipalities choose to be members of the League and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to pause and recognize the importance of local government in New Jersey. At the same time, we are commemorating Bill Dressel's retirement after 41 years of service with the League.

Order Tickets online at
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Anniversary Planning Committee:

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Phyllis Marchand – League Past President
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Mayor James Perry, Hardwick – Member, Executive Board