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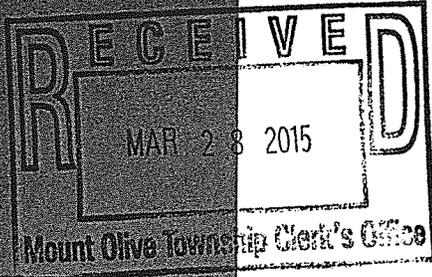
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## THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2015:



**Chapter 3**                      **A-1483**                      **1/29/2015**

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 17**                      **S-3391**                      **2/5/2015**

Establishes sheriff's officers reemployment lists.

**Chapter 18**                      **A-3628**                      **2/5/2015**

"Water Infrastructure Protection 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 23**                      **S-2364**                      **3/16/2015**

Requires local unit approval of applications for participation in federal 1033 program.

**Chapter 27**                      **A-2316**                      **3/23/2015**

Prohibits certain agencies from establishing checkpoints limited to specific vehicle types.

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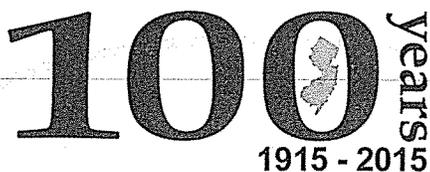
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**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<b>A-1436/S-2372</b>  Caride, Marlene Mosquera, Gabriela Pinkin, Nancy Moriarty, Paul	Authorizes Attorney General to coordinate Statewide law enforcement efforts against opioid drug abuse.	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd/Reading	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3500/S-1973</b>  Andrzejczak, Bob DeAngelo, Wayne Pinkin, Nancy Quijano, Annette	Requires local recreation departments, youth serving organizations, and camps to have defibrillators for youth athletic events, and public schools to train pupils in defibrillator use and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.  <i>Laudable intent but an unfunded mandate should be addressed.</i>	Assembly Education Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3595</b>  Riley, Celeste Mukherji, Raj	Permits municipalities to adopt ordinances to require certain owners to pay for continuous police patrol of residential rental multiple dwellings located in high-crime areas.  <i>Can already implement provisions of this bill using off duty police officers instead of placing a burden on police resources.</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3807/S-2619</b>  Eustace, Tim Greenwald, Louis	Permits educational research and services corporations to act as lead procurement agencies for State and local units, and publically supported educational institutions.  <i>Cooperative purchasing is not a shared service under the uniformed shared service act.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3915/S-2522</b>  Benson, Daniel DeAngelo, Wayne Conaway, Herb, Jr. Lagana, Joseph	Revises homestead property tax reimbursement eligibility requirements for certain claimants relocating homesteads within the same municipality.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4062/S-2851</b>  Singleton, Troy Wisniewski, John Conaway, Herb, Jr. Quijano, Annette Sumter, Shavonda	Provides six months continuation of health care benefits to survivors of municipal police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician who dies within 24 hours of going off duty.  <i>Local discretion should be maintained/unfunded mandate.</i>	Assembly Appropriations Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4048</b>  Mosquera, Gabriela  Moriarty, Paul D.	Requires installation of grab bars in certain public restrooms.  <i>Possible unfunded mandate; ADA governs already.</i>	Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-4096/S-2689</b>  Sumter, Shavonda Mainor, Charles Wilson, Gilbert Caputo, Ralph	Prohibits termination of law enforcement officer based upon determination that officer is physically unable to perform duty under certain circumstances.  <i>Workers comp &amp; the ADA govern.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
<b>A-4106</b>  Mainor, Charles Sumter, Shavonda Wilson, Gilbert	Establishes "Stun Gun Purchase and Training Fund" to provide stun guns and training to law enforcement officers.  <i>Opposed as drafted. Concerned with excessive surcharges on motor vehicle violations. Would prefer funding through forfeit only.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
<b>A-4153</b>  Dancer, Ronald	Establishes resisting arrest public awareness campaign.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A
<b>A-4175</b>  Wimberly, Benjie Sumter, Shavonda Wilson, Gilbert	Requires safeguards for anonymity and confidentiality with respect to communications presented through phone lines, electronic communication systems, or websites dedicated to accepting anonymous tips for use by law enforcement in criminal investigations.  <i>Implementation would be cost prohibitive.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
<b>A-4195/S-2772</b>  Rumana, Scott Simon, Donna Ciattarelli, Jack	Requires evaluation of appropriateness of light frame construction for multiple dwellings and imposes moratorium on light frame construction until determination and recommendations are adopted.  <i>Regulatory issue.</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	O
<b>A-4202</b>  Caputo, Ralph Taliaferro, Adam Jasey, Mila Vainieri Huttle, Valerie Garcia, Carmelo	Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation.  <i>Laudable intent but the Council can establish a program on its own.</i>	Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading	O
<b>A-4213/S-2741</b>  Vainieri Huttle, Valerie Webber, Jay	Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm.  <i>Local issues can be dealt with locally. No need for State involvement.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O

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<b>A-4255</b> Peterson, Erik	Clarifies that electronic public records do not have to be converted to different electronic formats under the State's open public records law.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2521/A-3888</b> Gill, Nia H., Esq. Allen, Diane	Establishes Pedestrian Safety Study Commission.	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2684/A-4114</b> Vitale, Joseph F.	Allows municipality to establish reserved parking zone on property adjacent to disabled person's residence.	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2781</b> Pou, Nellie Pennacchio, Joseph	Provides exception to "New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act" authorizing establishment of hookah lounges under certain circumstances.  <i>Public Health concerns.</i>	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2788/A-4300</b> Stack, Brian	"Volunteers in Public Service Pension Reform Act," allows municipal elected officials in PERS to retire based on other PERS service and remain in office with no salary or health care benefits for that office.	Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2789/A-4311</b> Sacco, Nicholas Stack, Brian	Allows PFRS to pay pension to member who resigns and retires from PFRS-covered employment to assume elective office with same employer to eliminate conflict of incompatible positions.  <i>Unlike S-2788/A-4300 (above) this bill would allow PFRS to collect pension and salary and benefits of local office.</i>	Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2824</b> Stack, Brian	Requires certain new residential buildings to have fire barriers in cocklofts, concrete or steel frames, and fire stops.  <i>Some good provisions, but better addressed in the uniform construction code.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2829/A-4317</b> Holzapfel, James Bateman, Christopher	Authorizes court to impose rescue operation costs of public entity under certain circumstances.	Senate Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>



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