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Legislative Committee

June 1, 2023

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 60 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now 9,827 for this session. I added three new bills to our tracking list, Fire & Emergency Services, A-5514, A-5567, & A-5570. A-5514, establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million, was proposed for introduction on 05/25/2023 and was referred to the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee. A-5567, extends the period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons, this is a related bill to S-3807 which is already in our tracking lists. A-5570, establishes "Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program" in DCA to support operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies; appropriates \$10 million, was proposed for introduction on 05/25/2023. The total number of our tracked bills is now 172, with 126 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 46 bills in Pensions. There are currently nineteen bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 223 bills to date.

A-5275, allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits, passed in the Assembly on May 25, 2023, 74-0-0. Three of our bills are on the schedule for today to be heard in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, A-5275, S-3671, & S-3807. One of our bills is listed to be heard on Monday June 5, 2023, in the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee, A-5514.

There is an Assembly and Senate Quorum scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bills Introduced or Proposed on 05/25/2023

Bill: A5514
Sponsors: Spearman (D5); Stanley (D18)
Summary: Establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million.
Subjects: Human Services-Mental Health; Public Safety-Firefighters
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/25/2023 - Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 05/25/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.
Scheduled: 06/05/2023—Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5567
Sponsors: Torrissi (R8)
Summary: Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.
Subjects: Motor Vehicles; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2022:S3807
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/25/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/25/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5570
Sponsors: Rumpf (R9); Gove (R9)
Summary: Establishes "Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program" in DCA to support operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies; appropriates \$10 million.
Subjects: Public Safety-Firefighters
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/25/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/25/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)



Bill Number ★ **A5275 of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.

Sponsors Benson (D14) • Atkins (D20) +1

Cosponsors DeAngelo (D14)

Subjects Local Government-Municipalities • Public Safety-Firefighters

Related ★ 2022:S3671

Status 05/25/2023 – Passed in the Assembly

Scheduled 06/01/2023 – Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex. (Revised 05/31/2023)

Progress 1st House: I C 2R P — 2nd House: C 2R P — G PL

History 02/28/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee
05/11/2023 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly
05/25/2023 – Passed in Assembly 74-0-0

Meetings 05/05/2023 – ASL: Committee Meeting On 05/11/2023
05/19/2023 – Assembly: Board List For 05/25/2023
05/31/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 06/01/2023 (2nd Revised)

News None

Bill Text 02/28/2023 – Introduced (3 pages)
05/12/2023 – Statement ASL 5/11/23 (1 page)

Votes 05/25/2023 – Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 74-0-0

Tracking List – Fire & Emergency Services [Edit | Delete]

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Thursday, June 1, 2023

Senate Education Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Labor Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate, 10:00a Group 1 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.

Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex. (Revised 05/31/2023)

- ★ **A5275 [bill added]** Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*
- ★ **S3671** Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*
- ★ **S3807** Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

Senate Transportation Committee, 11:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex. (Revised 05/31/2023)



Monday, June 5, 2023

Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Appropriations Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Housing Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Regulated Professions Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly, 10:00a Group A Committees; Quorum; 2:00p Group B Committees.

Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 14, Annex.

Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.

For discussion only: A-3836

Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

Assembly Health Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.

Assembly Higher Education Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.

Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

Senate, 10:00a Group 2 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.

Senate Labor Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.

★ **A5514** Establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*