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Legislative Committee **June 8, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 67 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now 9,894 for this session. The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same at 172, with 126 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 46 bills in Pensions. There are currently seventeen bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 225 bills to date.

On Thursday, June 1, 2023, three of our bills were heard in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, A-5275 & S-3671, reported out of committee with committee amendments, second reading in Senate, and S-3807, reported out of committee, second reading in Senate. On Monday June 5, 2023, one of our bills was heard in the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee, A-5514, reported out of committee, and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

There is an Assembly State and Local Government Committee meeting scheduled for this afternoon with one of our bills listed to be heard, A-5460, allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees. On Monday, June 12, 2023, there are four of our bills on the list to be heard in different Senate Committee Meetings (see attached list).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bill Number ★ **A5275 Sca (1R) 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 06/01/2023 – 2nd reading in the Senate

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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
06/01/2023 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
06/01/2023 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate

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)
06/02/2023 – Reprint (1R) SCU 6/1/23 1R (2 pages)
06/02/2023 – Statement SCU 6/1/23 (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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Bill Number ★ **S3807 of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.

Sponsors Bucco (R25) • Sarlo (D36)

Subjects Motor Vehicles • Public Safety-Firefighters

Related ★ 2022:A5567

Status 06/01/2023 – 2nd reading in the Senate

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 05/11/2023 – Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
06/01/2023 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate

Meetings 05/25/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 06/01/2023
05/26/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 06/01/2023 (Revised)
05/31/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 06/01/2023 (2nd Revised)

News 06/02/2023 – Bucco Purchase Of Firefighting Equipment Bill Advances

Bill Text 05/12/2023 – Introduced (5 pages)
06/02/2023 – Statement SCU 6/1/23 (1 page)

Votes None

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

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Comments Add comment for this bill

Bill Number ★ **A5514 of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Establishes Firefighter Critical Mental Health Assistance Grant Program; appropriates \$1 million.

Sponsors Spearman (D5) • Stanley (D18) • Atkins (D20)

Subjects Human Services-Mental Health • Public Safety-Firefighters

Status 06/05/2023 – Assembly Appropriations Committee

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 05/25/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
06/05/2023 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Meetings 05/31/2023 – **ALP: Committee Meeting On 06/05/2023**

News None

Bill Text 05/26/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)
06/06/2023 – Statement ALP 6/5/2023 (1 page)

Votes None

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

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Comments  Add comment for this bill

Calendar Report

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.

* A5460 Freiman (D16)

Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*



Monday, June 12, 2023

Senate, 10:00a Group 4 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call.

Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex.

The Committee will receive testimony from invited speakers concerning scams and exploitive schemes facing the military community.

- ★ **A119** Provides for retained eligibility for members of NJ National Guard or reserve component called to active federal military service who met fire department maximum age requirement at closing date of civil service examination.

Tracking: *Pensions — SU*

- ★ **S3830** Provides for retained eligibility for members of NJ National Guard or reserve component called to active federal military service who met fire department maximum age requirement at closing date of civil service examination.

Tracking: *Pensions — SU*

Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

- ★ **S3295** Requires State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee include certain first responder titles in first responders primary care medical home program.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex.

For discussion only: S-3479

- ★ **S3479** Provides \$1,000 income tax deduction for certain volunteer firefighters and members of first aid and rescue squads.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 1:30p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.