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## **Legislative Committee**

**June 14, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 46 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now 9,940 for this session. I added 5 new bills to our tracking lists, they were all related bills that we are already tracking (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now at 177, with 131 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 46 bills in Pensions. There are currently sixteen bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 226 bills to date.

On Thursday, June 8, 2023, one of our bills was heard in the Assembly State and Local Government Committee, A-5460, reported out of committee with committee amendments, second reading in Assembly. On Monday, June 12, 2023, three of our bills were heard in the Senate, A-119, S-3295, & S-3830, reported out of committee, second reading in Senate. On Monday, June 12, 2023, one of our bills was listed in the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee Meeting for discussion only, S-3479, provides \$1,000 income tax deduction for certain volunteer firefighters and members of first aid and rescue squads. It was for discussion only, so it was not motioned to be released or amended, the committee comments were that they think the bill is a good idea. This is one of about a dozen bills that are in the system for some type of tax incentives for Volunteer Firefighters. Tomorrow afternoon one of our bills is listed to be heard in the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, A-757, allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction. There are a bunch of Assembly and Senate Voting Session on the Schedule for the last two weeks in June. I will share the list of bills to be voted on for those sessions as soon as they post them.

President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I met with U.S. Congressman Josh Gottenheimer's Legislative Aide concerning Federal Legislation for Cancer Screening for all Firefighters in the United States. President Ordway is going to attend the press conference concerning the announcement for this legislation on Friday morning.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Related Bill Finder (2022-2023)**

**Updated Tracking Lists:**

**2022-2023 tracking list: Fire & Emergency Services**

Tracked	Added	Bill Description
A211	S3921	Fire coordinator, county-display emergency warning lights on vehicles
A4407	S3922	Paramedics-requires to stock cyanide toxicity kits;\$500K
A5570	S3925	Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program-estab to support operations;\$10M
S3901	A5602	County fire academy course-req districts award high school graduation credits
S3904	A5564	Emergency services volunteers, certain-extend pension eligibility for survivors

**Updated Bill Comments:**

No new bill comments were added.

## Bill Research Report

**Bill:** **A119**  
**Sponsors:** Space (R24); Tucker (D28); Sauickie (R12) +2  
**Summary:** 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.  
**Subjects:** Civil Service; Public Safety-Firefighters; Veterans And Military  
**Related:** 2022:S3830; 2020:A141; 2018:A3590; 2016:A4978  
**Progress:** 2nd House: 2nd Reading  
**Status:** 06/12/2023 - 2nd reading in the Senate  
**History:** 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
 09/22/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
 10/03/2022—Passed in Assembly 72-0-0. Received in Senate and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
 06/12/2023—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.  
**Tracking:** [Pensions](#)  
**Position:** SU

**Bill:** **A5460 Aca (1R)**  
**Sponsors:** Freiman (D16)  
**Summary:** Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.  
**Subjects:** Local Government-Municipalities  
**Related:** 2022:S861  
**Progress:** 1st House: 2nd Reading  
**Status:** 06/08/2023 - 2nd reading in the Assembly  
**History:** 05/11/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
 06/08/2023—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

**Bill:** **S3295**  
**Sponsors:** Singleton (D7)  
**Summary:** Requires State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee include certain first responder titles in first responders primary care medical home program.  
**Subjects:** Health; Public Employees-Benefits  
**Progress:** 1st House: 2nd Reading  
**Status:** 06/12/2023 - 2nd reading in the Senate  
**History:** 11/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.  
 06/12/2023—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

**Bill:** **S3830**  
**Sponsors:** Cryan (D20)  
**Summary:** 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.  
**Subjects:** Civil Service; Public Safety-Firefighters; Veterans And Military  
**Related:** 2022:A119; 2020:A141; 2018:A3590; 2016:A4978  
**Progress:** 1st House: 2nd Reading  
**Status:** 06/12/2023 - 2nd reading in the Senate  
**History:** 05/11/2023—Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
 06/12/2023—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.  
**Tracking:** [Pensions](#)  
**Position:** SU



**Bill Number** ★ **S3479 of 2022-2023 Session**

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

**Sponsors** Gopal (D11) +1

**Cosponsors** Diegnan (D18)

**Subjects** Health-Emergency Medical Services • Public Safety-Firefighters • Taxation-Personal Income Tax

**Related** ★ 2022:A5157

**Status** 01/12/2023 – Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 01/12/2023 – Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

**Meetings** 06/07/2023 – SLP: Committee Meeting On 06/12/2023  
06/09/2023 – SLP: Committee Meeting On 06/12/2023 (Revised)  
06/09/2023 – SLP: Committee Meeting On 06/12/2023 (2nd Revised)

**News** None

**Bill Text** 01/13/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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

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**Comments**  Add comment for this bill



**Bill Number** ★ **A757 of 2022-2023 Session**

**Summary** Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.

**Sponsors** Gove (R9) • Rumpf (R9) • Kean, S (R30) +6

**Cosponsors** Dunn (R25) • Catalano (R10) • McGuckin (R10) • Umba (R8) • Clifton (R12) • Rooney (R40)

**Subjects** Health-Emergency Medical Services • Public Safety-Firefighters • Taxation-Personal Income Tax

**Related** ★ 2022:S1697 • ★ 2022:S2224 • ★ 2020:A927 • ★ 2020:A3071 • ★ 2020:S1402 • ★ 2018:A709 • ★ 2018:A3529 • ★ 2018:S1458 • ★ 2018:S2651 • ★ 2016:A998 • ★ 2016:S563 • ☆ 2014:A2140 • ☆ 2014:S634 • ☆ 2012:A664 • ☆ 2012:S263 • ☆ 2010:A2326 • ☆ 2010:S62 • ☆ 2008:A653 • ☆ 2008:A2192 • ☆ 2008:S2618 • ☆ 2006:A1404 • ☆ 2006:A2198 • ☆ 2006:A2508 • ☆ 2006:S1168 • ☆ 2006:S1597 • ☆ 2004:A465 • ☆ 2004:A856 • ☆ 2004:A923 • ☆ 2004:S665 • ☆ 2004:S1846 • ☆ 2002:A244 • ☆ 2002:A996 • ☆ 2002:A2954 • ☆ 2002:S718 • ☆ 2002:S1834 • ☆ 2000:A351 • ☆ 2000:A711 • ☆ 2000:S781 • ☆ 1998:A384 • ☆ 1998:A428 • ☆ 1998:A2431 • ☆ 1998:S608 • ☆ 1996:A992 • ☆ 1996:A1020 • ☆ 1996:S585 • ☆ 1994:A831 • ☆ 1994:A2818 • ☆ 1994:S2047 • ☆ 1992:A620 • ☆ 1992:S203 • ☆ 1990:A3142 • ☆ 1990:S2545

**Status** 01/11/2022 – Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

**Scheduled** 06/15/2023 – Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 14, Annex.

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

**History** 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

**Meetings** 06/09/2023 – AHS: Committee Meeting On 06/15/2023

**News** 03/07/2022 – Bill Proposes Income Tax Deduction For Certain Volunteers  
06/01/2023 – Bill Introduced To Create Fund For Volunteer Fire Companies

**Bill Text** 12/22/2021 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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

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