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## **Legislative Committee**

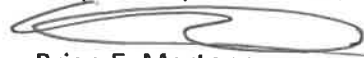
**July 13, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 75 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is now 10,177 for this session. The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same at 179, with 132 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 47 bills in Pensions. There are currently ninety-seven bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 270 bills to date. Three of our bills are currently sitting on The Governor's Desk (see attached). The Governor has signed one of our tracked bills since the last report, S-3090, provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS. As soon as they post the official verbiage for the bill, I will share it with everyone.

I sent an email to all committee members in both the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism, and Historic Preservation Committee and the Assembly State and Local Government Committee, asking them to consider a hearing for bills A-5564 & S-3904, which Extends pension eligibility for survivors of certain emergency services volunteers who contracted COVID-19 during 2020 public health emergency declared by Governor (this is the bill we discussed in our Annual Legislative Meeting that was only a draft at the time). The bills were introduced in the beginning of June and were assigned to the committees above. I also reached out to my hometown Legislators asking them to join on as a co-sponsor of the bill. I am asking the members of the Legislative Committee to do the same. Please reach out to your legislators asking them to sign on as a co-sponsor for these bills. If you can also mention the Volunteer Cancer Screening bills as well (S-3405 & A-5081) as they are both as equal of importance. I will attach the printouts for each bill. If there are any issues or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

There is nothing on the schedule for the rest of the summer as the legislation is officially on their summer break. If anything changes with this, I will let everyone know.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Total Bills: 3 ★ = Tracked bill ☆ = Untracked bill

★	Bill	Introduced	Last Action	Progress	Status	Scheduled
★	A5179	02/13/2023	06/26/2023	Governor	PBH	
		Verrelli (D15) — "Fire Life Safety Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Verification Act"; Requires routine maintenance and periodic testing of smoke dampers, fire dampers, and smoke control systems in certain buildings by qualified personnel.				
★	A5275	02/28/2023	06/30/2023	Governor	PBH	
		Benson (D14) — Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.				
★	S861	01/18/2022	06/30/2023	Governor	PBH	
		Zwicker (D16) — Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.				



**Bill Number** ★ **S3090 w/GR (1R) of 2022-2023 Session**

**Summary** Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.

**Sponsors** **Gopal (D11) • Lagana (D38) • DeAngelo (D14) • Murphy (D7) • Atkins (D20) +8**

**Cosponsors** **Stanfield (R8) • Polistina (R2) • Greenstein (D14) • Spearman (D5) • Rooney (R40) • Coughlin (D19) • Durr (R3) • Pou (D35)**

**Subjects** **Pensions-Police And Firefighters**

**Related** ★ **2022:A4498**

**Status** 07/03/2023 – **Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor**

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History**

- 09/29/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
- 03/16/2023 – Transferred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
- 03/20/2023 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate
- 03/20/2023 – Emergency resolution 36-0 (Gopal)
- 03/20/2023 – Passed in Senate 36-0
- 03/20/2023 – Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee
- 03/23/2023 – Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
- 03/23/2023 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly
- 03/30/2023 – Substituted for **A4498**
- 03/30/2023 – Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 72-0-2
- 05/15/2023 – Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Senate
- 05/22/2023 – 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations 36-0
- 06/20/2023 – Passed in Senate 37-0
- 06/22/2023 – Received in Assembly, 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations
- 06/30/2023 – Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 77-0-0
- 07/03/2023 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.92

**Meetings**

- 03/17/2023 – **Senate: Board List For 03/20/2023 (Revised)**
- 03/17/2023 – **SBA: Committee Meeting On 03/20/2023**
- 03/20/2023 – **Senate: Board List For 03/20/2023 (Second Revised)**
- 03/22/2023 – **AAP: Committee Meeting On 03/23/2023 (Revised)**
- 03/24/2023 – **Assembly: Board List For 03/30/2023**
- 05/18/2023 – **Senate: Board List For 05/22/2023**
- 05/19/2023 – **Senate: Board List For 05/22/2023 (Revised)**
- 06/19/2023 – **Senate: Board List For 06/20/2023 (Revised)**
- 06/23/2023 – **Assembly: Board List For 06/30/2023**
- 06/29/2023 – **Assembly: Board List For 06/30/2023 (Revised)**

**News** 05/15/2023 – Governor: Murphy Takes Action On Legislation  
07/03/2023 – Governor: Murphy Takes Action On Legislation

**Bill Text** 09/30/2022 – Introduced (3 pages)  
03/21/2023 – Statement SBA 3/20/23 (1 page)  
03/24/2023 – Statement AAP 3/23/23 (1 page)  
05/23/2023 – Reprint (1R) Conditional Veto 1R (3 pages)

**Votes** 03/20/2023 – Senate Emergency Resolution 36-0-0  
03/20/2023 – Senate 3rd Reading/Final Passage 36-0-0  
03/30/2023 – Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 72-0-2  
05/22/2023 – Senate Adopt Governor's Recommendations 36-0-0  
06/20/2023 – Senate Concur with Governor's Recommendations 37-0-0  
06/30/2023 – Assembly Concur with Governor's Recommendations 77-0-0

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**Bill Number** ★ A5564 of 2022-2023 Session

**Summary** Extends pension eligibility for survivors of certain emergency services volunteers who contracted COVID-19 during 2020 public health emergency declared by Governor.

**Sponsors** McGuckin (R10) • Catalano (R10)

**Subjects** Health-Disease • Health-Emergency Medical Services • Pensions

**Related** ★ 2022:S3904

**Status** 06/05/2023 – Assembly State and Local Government Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 06/05/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** 06/06/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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**Bill Number** ★ S3904 of 2022-2023 Session

**Summary** Extends pension eligibility for survivors of certain emergency services volunteers who contracted COVID-19 during 2020 public health emergency declared by Governor.

**Sponsors** Holzapfel (R10)

**Subjects** Health-Disease • Health-Emergency Medical Services • Pensions

**Related** ★ 2022:A5564

**Status** 06/01/2023 – Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 06/01/2023 – Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** 06/02/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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

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**Bill Number** ★ **S3405 Sca (1R) of 2022-2023 Session**

**Summary** Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters.

**Sponsors** Gopal (D11) • Greenstein (D14) +2

**Cosponsors** Schepisi (R39) • Bucco (R25)

**Subjects** Health • Public Safety-Firefighters

**Related** ★ 2022:A5081

**Status** 02/09/2023 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 12/19/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee  
02/09/2023 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate  
02/09/2023 – Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**Meetings** 02/02/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 02/09/2023  
02/06/2023 – SCU: Committee Meeting On 02/09/2023 (Revised)

**News** None

**Bill Text** 12/20/2022 – Introduced (4 pages)  
02/10/2023 – Reprint (1R) SCU 2/9/23 1R (4 pages)  
02/10/2023 – Statement SCU 2/9/23 (1 page)

**Votes** None

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

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**Bill Number** ★ **A5081 of 2022-2023 Session**

**Summary** Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters; increases tax on fire insurance premiums.

**Sponsors** Stanley (D18)

**Subjects** Health • Public Safety-Firefighters

**Related** ★ 2022:S3405

**Status** 01/19/2023 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 01/19/2023 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** 01/20/2023 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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