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## **Legislative Committee December 7, 2023**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been 99 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is at 10,451 for this session. I added one new bill to our tracking lists the total number of our tracked bills is now at 185, with 136 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 49 bills in Pensions. S-4185, Exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services was added into Fire & Emergency Services (this was the volunteer stipend/clothing allowance tax exempt bill that was being worked on that came out of the Bergen County Caucus Meeting from this year). See attached for the verbiage of the bill, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please let me know. There are currently four bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 351 bills to date. We are currently at six of our tracked bills that have been signed into law for this Legislative Session.

There was a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting this afternoon where two of our bills were listed to be heard, S-2626 & A-4004, specifies additional services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence; makes \$1,000,000 appropriation (both bills are identical). We also had two of our tracked bills on the list for the Assembly Voting Session this afternoon, A-4125, prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; requires DEP to establish collection and disposal program; appropriates \$250,000. & A-5719, "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 (see attached). One of our Tracked bills is listed on the schedule for Monday, December 11, 2023, for a Senate Voting Session, S-281, Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Bill Number** ★ S4185 of 2022-2023 Session

**Summary** Exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services.

**Sponsors** Johnson (D37)

**Subjects** Labor-Unemployment Compensation • Public Safety-Emergency Management

**Status** 12/04/2023 – Senate Labor Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 12/04/2023 – Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** 12/05/2023 – Introduced (20 pages)

**Votes** None

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

 Add to another tracking list

**Comments**  Add comment for this bill



Thursday, December 7, 2023

*Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, Not Meeting.*

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

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**Senate Judiciary Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.**

Nominations to be interviewed and considered.

- ★ **A4004** Specifies additional services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence; makes \$1,000,000 appropriation.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

- ★ **S2626** Specifies additional services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence; makes \$1,000,000 appropriation.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

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

The Committee will receive testimony from invited speakers on the Veterans Health Administration Uber Health Connect Initiative.

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**Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex. (Revised 12/06/2023)**

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**Assembly, 11:00a Caucus; 12:00p Voting Session. (Revised 12/05/2023)**

- ★ **A4125** Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; requires DEP to establish collection and disposal program; appropriates \$250,000.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

- ★ **A5179** "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.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support



**Monday, December 11, 2023**

*Assembly Appropriations Committee, Not Meeting.*

*Assembly Higher Education Committee, Not Meeting.*

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

**Assembly, 10:00a Group A Committees; 1:00p 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.**

**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 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 Party Caucus; 11:00a Voting Session.**

★ **S281** Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses.

**Tracking:** *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

**Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 14, Annex. (Revised 12/06/2023)**

**Assembly Housing Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.**

**Assembly Regulated Professions Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.**

**Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.**

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