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Legislative Committee December 14, 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 at 10,526 for this session. I added seven new bills to our tracking lists (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now at 190, with 139 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 51 bills in Pensions. Five bills that were added are newly introduced and the other two are companion bills for an EMS Training Fund, I spoke with the President of the EMS Council of New Jersey, Paula Weiler. President Weiler and I discussed some legislation that was of interest to both Firefighter and EMT's. The EMS Training Fund bills were passed in the Assembly and are currently sitting in the Senate Appropriations Committee. There are currently twenty-one 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.

Two of our bills are on the schedule for the Senate and Appropriations Committee Meeting this afternoon, S-651 & S-723 (see attached). On Monday, December 18, 2023, there are three of the Income Tax Deduction bills on the schedule to be heard in the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee Meeting, S-1697 & A-757 are companion bills and S-3479 is similar (see attached). President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I will be attending the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee Meeting to show support for these bills. I will keep everyone update on the status of these bills as the Assembly version, A-757, has already been passed by the full Assembly. There are also voting session on the schedule for Thursday, December 21, 2023, however, they have not posted the list of bills yet for those sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recently Introduced Bills

Bill: A5822
Sponsors: Rooney (R40)
Summary: Amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions.
Subjects: Public Safety; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2022:S4208
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 12/04/2023 - Assembly Housing Committee
History: 12/04/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly Housing Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5860
Sponsors: Haider (D37)
Summary: Exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services.
Subjects: Labor-Unemployment Compensation; Public Safety-Emergency Management
Related: 2022:S4185
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 12/11/2023 - Assembly Labor Committee
History: 12/11/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5882
Sponsors: Quijano (D20)
Summary: Requires temporary benefit enhancement to be granted in each of two State fiscal years when retirement allowance or benefit is below certain amount for retiree or beneficiary in PFRS; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:S4239
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 12/11/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 12/11/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: S4208
Sponsors: Bucco (R25); Singleton (D7)
Summary: Amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions.
Subjects: Public Safety; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2022:A5822
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 12/07/2023 - Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 12/07/2023—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S4239
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Requires temporary benefit enhancement to be granted in each of two State fiscal years when retirement allowance or benefit is below certain amount for retiree or beneficiary in PFRS; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2022:A5882
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 12/11/2023 - Proposed for introduction
History: 12/11/2023—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)



Bill Number ★ **A3772 Sca (1R) of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."

Sponsors Mukherji (D33) • Stanley (D18) • Jaffer (D16) +6

Cosponsors Speight (D29) • Jimenez (D32) • McCarthy Patrick (R3) • Space (R24) • Wirths (R24) • Mosquera (D4)

Subjects Health-Emergency Medical Services

Related ★ 2022:S2223

Status 11/30/2023 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee
12/05/2022 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly
01/26/2023 – Passed in Assembly 78-0-0
01/26/2023 – Received in Senate and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
11/30/2023 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate
11/30/2023 – Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Meetings 11/30/2022 – **AHE: Committee Meeting On 12/05/2022**
01/20/2023 – **Assembly: Board List For 01/26/2023**
11/22/2023 – **SHH: Committee Meeting On 11/30/2023**

News None

Bill Text 05/03/2022 – **Introduced** (4 pages)
12/06/2022 – **Statement AHE 12/5/22** (2 pages)
01/18/2023 – **Fiscal Estimate 1/18/23; as introduced** (3 pages)
12/01/2023 – **Reprint (1R) SHH 11/30/23 1R** (3 pages)
12/01/2023 – **Statement SHH 11/30/23** (3 pages)

Votes 01/26/2023 – **Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 78-0-0**

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Bill Number ★ **S2223 Sca (1R) of 2022-2023 Session**

Summary Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."

Sponsors Oroho (R24) • Madden (D4) +4

Cosponsors Zwicker (D16) • Johnson (D37) • Bucco (R25) • Schepisi (R39)

Subjects Health-Emergency Medical Services

Related ★ 2022:A3772

Status 11/30/2023 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 03/07/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
11/30/2023 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate
11/30/2023 – Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Meetings 11/22/2023 – SHH: Committee Meeting On 11/30/2023

News 11/30/2023 – Bill That Would Help Address EMT Shortage Clears Committee

Bill Text 03/07/2022 – Introduced (4 pages)
12/01/2023 – Reprint (1R) SHH 11/30/23 1R (3 pages)
12/01/2023 – Statement SHH 11/30/23 (3 pages)

Votes None

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

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Thursday, December 14, 2023

Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Budget Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Human Services Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Not Meeting.

Assembly Women and Children Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly, 10:00a Group C Committees; Quorum; 2:00p Group D Committees.

Assembly Education Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2023)

Assembly Labor Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2023)

Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2023)

Senate, 10:00a Group 1 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call; 1:00p Group 2 Committees.

Senate Education Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2023)
For discussion only: S-2425

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

Senate Transportation Committee, 11:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex.

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. (Revised 12/13/2023)

- ★ **S651** Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

- ★ **S723** Creates "New Jersey Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights Act."

Tracking: *Firemen's Home*

Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex. (Revised 12/14/2023)

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 2:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2023)



Monday, December 18, 2023

Senate Economic Growth Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Higher Education Committee, Not Meeting.

Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, Not Meeting.

Assembly Health Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 13, Annex.

Senate, 10:00a Group 3 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call; 1:00p Group 4 Committees.

Senate Environment and Energy Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex. (Revised 12/13/2023)

Please note that public testimony regarding S-2978 was previously taken at the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, and no additional testimony will be taken regarding S-2978 at the meeting. For discussion only: S-3914.

Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 1, Annex. (Revised 12/13/2023)

Assembly, Committees at Call of the Speaker; 1:00p Quorum.

Assembly Appropriations Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.

Senate Commerce Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, 1:00p, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex. (Revised 12/13/2023)

- ★ **A757** Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$2,000 gross income tax exemption.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

- ★ **S1697** Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

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

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support