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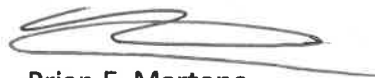
## **Legislative Committee December 15, 2022**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, there were 33 new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills are at 8,637 for this session. I added two new bills to our tracking lists, ACR170, proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption to certain first responders disabled as result of World Trade Center recovery medical condition, & ACR171, proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100 percent for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member (see attached). They have not posted the verbiage for ACR171 yet so as soon as they do, I will share it with everyone (see attached for verbiage for ACR170). The new total number of our tracked bills is at 138, with 97 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 41 bills in Pensions. There are currently four bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 138 bills to date.

There are some committee meetings on the schedule for today and one of our tracked bills are listed to be heard, S2712, prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. There are some Senate Committee Meetings on the schedule for Monday, December 19, 2022, however none of our tracked bills are listed to be heard. There is voting session for the Senate on Monday, December 19, 2022, but they have not posted a bill list as of this report.

Just a reminder, President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, Second Assistant Dreby, and I have been continuing to meet with members of the Senate and Assembly to draft new legislation for Cancer Screenings for Volunteer Firefighters with and without the State Health Benefits Plan. Once we have a bill number, I would like to have a Zoom Meeting for the Committee so we can share ideas and help push this new bill.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Bill Information (2022-2023 Session)**

**Bill Number** ★ ACR170 of 2022-2023 Session

**Summary** Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption to certain first responders disabled as result of World Trade Center recovery medical condition.

**Sponsors** Umba (R8) • Torrissi (R8)

**Subjects** Constitutional Amendments • Health-Emergency Medical Services • Taxation-Property Tax

**Related** ☆ 2022:SCR133

**Status** 12/12/2022 – Assembly State and Local Government Committee

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** 12/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** 12/13/2022 – Introduced (4 pages)

**Votes** None

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

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**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 170**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 12, 2022

**Sponsored by:**  
**Assemblyman BRANDON E. UMBA**  
**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**  
**Assemblyman MICHAEL TORRISSI, JR.**  
**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption to certain first responders disabled as result of World Trade Center recovery medical condition.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII,  
2 Section I of the New Jersey Constitution by adding a new  
3 paragraph.

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
6 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the  
9 State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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11 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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13 Amend Article VIII, Section I, by adding a new paragraph 8 to  
14 read as follows:

15 8. The Legislature shall enact a law that permits municipalities,  
16 by ordinance, to provide a partial property tax exemption for the  
17 residential real estate owned and occupied by certain individuals as  
18 a primary residence. Eligible individuals shall be police officers,  
19 firefighters, and emergency medical technicians who are disabled as  
20 the result of a medical condition related to their presence at the  
21 World Trade Center site following the terrorist attack that occurred  
22 at that site on September 11, 2001. The partial property tax  
23 exemption shall exempt the first 15 percent of the assessed value of  
24 the residential real property from taxation.

25 The law shall require that an individual eligible for the partial  
26 property tax exemption provided in this paragraph have a medical  
27 condition that has been certified as a covered condition by a  
28 federally authorized health program applicable to the World Trade  
29 Center as a result of the terrorist attack that occurred at that site on  
30 September 11, 2001.

31 The State shall not reimburse a taxing district for the loss of  
32 property tax revenue attributable to such an exemption.

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34 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally  
35 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it  
36 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election  
37 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and  
38 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each  
39 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
40 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three  
41 months prior to the general election.

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43 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be  
44 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and  
45 form:

46 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the  
47 general election, the following:

1 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,  
2 a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

3 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus  
4 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are  
5 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the  
6 square opposite the word "No."

7 b. In every municipality the following question:  
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|  | YES | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT<br/>PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO<br/>PROVIDE PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX<br/>EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN 9/11 FIRST<br/>RESPONDERS</b></p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to permit a partial property tax exemption for the primary residence of certain first responders? The first responder would have to have responded to the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 terrorist attack. The first responder would have to be disabled due to their presence at the World Trade Center site to qualify. The amendment would require the Legislature to pass a law permitting the exemption.</p>  |
|  | NO  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</b></p> <p>This amendment permits a municipality to give a partial property tax exemption on the primary residence of certain first responders. The property tax exemption would be for the first 15 percent of the assessed value of the property. The amendment would require the Legislature to pass a law permitting the exemption.</p> <p>A first responder would be eligible for the exemption if the first responder is disabled as the result of their work at the World Trade Center site after the 9/11 terrorist attack. A first responder includes police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. The State would not reimburse a municipality for the loss of property tax revenue experienced as the result of granting the partial exemption.</p> |

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If approved by the voters of the State, this proposed constitutional amendment would permit municipalities, by ordinance, to provide a partial property tax exemption for the primary residence of an eligible first responder. The partial property tax exemption would be on the first 15 percent of the assessed value of the primary residence. The amendment would require the Legislature to pass a law permitting the exemption.

Eligible first responders would include police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians who are disabled as the result of a medical condition related to their presence at the World Trade Center site after the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.



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**Bill Information (2022-2023 Session)**

**Bill Number** ★ ACR171 of 2022-2023 Session

**Summary** Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100 percent for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member.

**Sponsors** DiMaio (R23)

**Subjects** Constitutional Amendments • Health-Emergency Medical Services • Public Safety-Firefighters • Taxation-Property Tax

**Status** 12/12/2022 - Proposed for introduction

**Scheduled** Not Scheduled

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

**History** None

**Meetings** None

**News** None

**Bill Text** None

**Votes** None

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

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*Senate Higher Education Committee, Not Meeting.*

**Senate, 10:00a Group 3 Committees; 12:00p Quorum Call. (Revised 10/27/2022)**

**Senate Environment and Energy Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 10, Annex. (Revised 12/14/2022)**

For discussion only: S-3256, S-3372 & S-3373. The committee will meet to hear testimony from invited guests on reducing food waste and greenhouse gas emissions through food date labeling.

★ S2712 Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

**Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services**

**Senate Economic Growth Committee, 10:30a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex.**

The Committee will receive testimony from invited guests concerning the state of agriculture and the economy in New Jersey.

**Assembly, 1:00p Voting Session. (Revised 12/13/2022)**

**Senate Commerce Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex. (Revised 12/13/2022)**

**Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. (Revised 12/12/2022)**

**New Jersey Law Revision Commission, 4:30p, 153 Halsey Street, 7th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102.**

Consideration of memorandums and reports.