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## **Legislative Caucus Report July 20, 2023**

To All Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, and Life Members,

This is the second year of the 220<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session for 2022-2023. The Legislative Committee has a total tracked bills at 179 separated into two categories, 132 from Fire & Emergency Services and 47 from Pensions.

One of our tracked bills was signed into Law recently, Bill S-3090, provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.

There has been a total of 273 bills that the Governor has signed into law. There are currently 94 bills currently sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed.

We have 3 tracked bills currently sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed; A-5179, Fire Life Safety Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Verification Act. A-5275, allows fire department chaplain to hold rank and receive salary and benefits. S-861, municipalities to conduct an annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.

The Volunteer Cancer Screening bills, S-3405 & A-5081, mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters are both referred to committees for a hearing. S-3405 has already been heard once in a committee and was referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee for a second reading.

The Annual Legislative Committee Meeting was completed through a virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Legislative Committee Chairman  
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