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## **Legislative Committee** **January 11, 2024**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, it has been a busy "Lame Duck" session. There have been a bunch of our tracked bills that had a lot of movement but then stalled at the last few steps. There has also been a bunch of our tracked bills that were passed by both houses and are currently sitting on the Governor's Desk (see attached), along with a few that he has already signed into law (see attached). The two most recent ones signed are A-5179, Fire Life Safety Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Verification Act, & A-4125, Concerning Firefighting Foam. As soon as they post the final verbiage of these bills, I will share it with everyone.

There have been no new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills is at 10,590 for this session. The total number of our tracked bills is at 195, with 144 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 51 bills in Pensions. There are currently one hundred nine bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 422 bills to date. We are currently at eight of our tracked bills that have been signed into law for this Legislative Session.

President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I attended numerous committee meetings in Trenton overall this past Legislative Session. We plan on attending as many as we can for the next Legislative Session to show support for our tracked bills. I will be adding a third tracking list for the Firemen's Home related bills for this new Legislative Session.

Next week there are no meetings due to the ending of one session and the start of the next session. However, they will resume on Thursday, January 25, 2024 as soon as they post the schedule I will share it with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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## Bills On The Governor's Desk (2022-2023)

**Bill:** A5567 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Torrissi (R8); Calabrese (D36); Bucco (R25); Sarlo (D36) +1  
**Summary:** Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.  
**Subjects:** Motor Vehicles; Public Safety-Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:S3807  
**Progress:** Governor  
**Status:** 01/08/2024 - Passed in both houses  
**History:** 06/05/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
12/18/2023—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
12/21/2023—Passed in Assembly 73-0-0.  
12/28/2023—Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate.  
01/08/2024—Substituted for S-3807 (1R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 35-0.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

**Bill:** A5909 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** DeAngelo (D14); Wirths (R24); Space (R24); Sarlo (D36); Oroho (R24) +1  
**Summary:** Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to certain volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.  
**Subjects:** Labor-Workers Compensation; Public Safety-Police  
**Related:** 2022:S4267  
**Progress:** Governor  
**Status:** 01/08/2024 - Passed in both houses  
**History:** 01/02/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.  
01/04/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
01/08/2024—Passed in Assembly 76-0-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-4267 (1R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 36-0.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

**Bill:** S281 Scs (SCS)  
**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14); Turner (D15); Sumter (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15) +1  
**Summary:** Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses.  
**Subjects:** Housing-Construction Codes; Public Safety  
**Related:** 2022:A3791; 2020:A2600; 2020:S1518; 2018:A4713; 2018:S3252  
**Progress:** Governor  
**Status:** 01/08/2024 - Passed in both houses  
**History:** 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.  
11/27/2023—Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.  
12/11/2023—Passed in Senate 31-1. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Housing Committee.  
01/04/2024—Transferred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee. Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
01/08/2024—Substituted for A-3791 (ACS). Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 66-10-0.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

## Chapter Laws (2022-2023)

**Bill:** A4125 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Haider (D37); Swain (D38); Stanley (D18); Singleton (D7); Greenstein (D14) +10  
**Summary:** 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.  
**Subjects:** Environment-Hazardous And Toxic Substances; Public Safety-Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:S2712  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 01/08/2024 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 06/02/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee.  
 11/30/2023—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
 12/07/2023—Passed in Assembly 73-0-0.  
 12/11/2023—Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate.  
 12/21/2023—Substituted for S-2712 (3R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 34-0.  
 01/08/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.243.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** A5179 Aca w/GR (2R)  
**Sponsors:** Verrelli (D15); Murphy (D7); Benson (D14); Cruz-Perez (D5); Turner (D15) +6  
**Summary:** "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.  
**Subjects:** Housing; Public Safety  
**Related:** 2022:S3516  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 12/21/2023 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 02/13/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
 03/20/2023—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
 03/23/2023—Recommitted to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
 03/30/2023—Passed in Assembly 74-0-0.  
 05/08/2023—Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate.  
 06/26/2023—Substituted for S-3516 (SCS). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 36-0.  
 11/20/2023—Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Assembly.  
 11/30/2023—1st reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations. 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations.  
 12/07/2023—Passed in Assembly 73-0-0.  
 12/11/2023—Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 32-0.  
 12/21/2023—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.186.  
**Tracking:** [Fire & Emergency Services](#)  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** A5275 Sca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Benson (D14); Atkins (D20); Greenstein (D14); Turner (D15) +2  
**Summary:** Allows municipality to determine if newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.  
**Subjects:** Local Government-Municipalities; Public Safety-Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:S3671  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 08/28/2023 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 02/28/2023—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
 05/11/2023—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
 05/25/2023—Passed in Assembly 74-0-0.  
 06/01/2023—Received in Senate and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.  
 06/20/2023—Substituted for S-3671 (1R). Passed in Senate 37-0.  
 06/22/2023—Received in Assembly, 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Senate amendments.  
 06/30/2023—Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 76-0-0.

**Tracking:** 08/28/2023—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.151.  
**Position:** Fire & Emergency Services  
Support

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**Bill:** S3090 w/GR (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Gopal (D11); Lagana (D38); DeAngelo (D14); Murphy (D7); Atkins (D20) +8  
**Summary:** Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.  
**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:A4498  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 07/03/2023 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**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. Emergency resolution 36-0 (Gopal). Passed in Senate 36-0.  
Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
03/23/2023—Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
03/30/2023—Substituted for A-4498. 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.

**Tracking:** Pensions  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** A4107 AcaAca w/GR (3R)  
**Sponsors:** Schaer (D36); Conaway (D7); Verrelli (D15); Vitale (D19); Singer (R30) +15  
**Summary:** Makes various changes concerning regulation of emergency medical services; establishes mobile integrated health program and new State Emergency Medical Services Director in DOH.  
**Subjects:** Health-Emergency Medical Services  
**Related:** 2022:S2768  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 10/21/2022 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 05/26/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.  
06/02/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.  
06/23/2022—Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
06/27/2022—Recommitted to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
06/29/2022—Passed in Assembly 76-2-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-2768 (2R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 40-0.  
09/15/2022—Governor's conditional veto rcvd in Assembly. 1st reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations. 2nd reading in Assembly to concur with Governor's recommendations.  
10/03/2022—Passed in Assembly 70-1-0. Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Governor's recommendations.  
10/17/2022—Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 37-0.  
10/21/2022—Signed by the Governor P.L.2022, c.118.

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

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**Bill:** A4127 Aca (1R)  
**Sponsors:** Stanley (D18); Spearman (D5); Murphy (D7); Greenstein (D14); Singleton (D7) +16  
**Summary:** Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for professional firefighters not enrolled in SHBP; makes appropriation.  
**Subjects:** Health-Disease; Public Safety-Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:S2743  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 09/15/2022 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 06/02/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
06/09/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.  
06/23/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
06/27/2022—Recommitted to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
06/29/2022—Passed in Assembly 78-0-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-2743 (1R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 40-0.

09/15/2022—Signed by the Governor P.L.2022, c.109.  
**Tracking:** Pensions  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **A2158 Aca (1R)**  
**Sponsors:** Verrelli (D15); Scutari (D22)  
**Summary:** Allows member of PFRS who is police chief and fire department chief to serve until age 67 under certain conditions.  
**Subjects:** Pensions-Police And Firefighters  
**Related:** 2022:S1367  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 04/12/2022 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
02/07/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.  
03/14/2022—Transferred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.  
03/17/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
03/24/2022—Passed in Assembly 44-32-1. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-1367 (1R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 21-15.  
04/12/2022—Signed by the Governor P.L.2022, c.9.  
**Tracking:** Pensions  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SJR23**  
**Sponsors:** Singleton (D7); Corrado (R40); Quijano (D20); Stanley (D18); Swain (D38) +10  
**Summary:** Designates October of each year as "First Responders Appreciation Month."  
**Subjects:** Commemorations; Health-Emergency Medical Services  
**Related:** 2022:AJR161; 2020:AJR168; 2020:SJR59  
**Progress:** Pamphlet Law  
**Status:** 10/31/2022 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor  
**History:** 01/18/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.  
10/13/2022—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.  
10/17/2022—Passed in Senate 37-0.  
10/20/2022—Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly.  
10/27/2022—Substituted for AJR-161. Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 73-0-0.  
10/31/2022—Signed by the Governor P.L.2022, JR-8.  
**Tracking:** Fire & Emergency Services  
**Position:** Support

## Pamphlet Laws 2022

Chapter	Date	Bill #	Synopsis
9	4/12/22	A-2158	Allows member of PFRS who is police chief and fire department chief to serve until age 67 under certain conditions.
109	9/15/22	A-4127	Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for career firefighters not enrolled in SHBP, Makes Appropriations.
118	10/21/22	A-4107	Makes various changes concerning regulation of emergency medical services; establishes mobile integrated health program and new state Emergency Medical Services Director in DOH.
JR-8	10/31/22	SJR-23	Designates October of each year as "First Responders Appreciation Month."

## 2023

92	7/3/23	S-3090	Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.
151	8/28/23	A-5275	Allows municipality to determine if a newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits.
186	12/21/23	A-5179	"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.
243	1/8/2024	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.