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Legislative Committee **January 18, 2024**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, as the 2022-2023 Legislative Session comes to an end, I would like to give everyone the final numbers and last official report on this Session. Starting next week, I will work on the 2024-2025 Legislative Session new Tracking Lists. As soon as I put them all together from all the bills that were re-introduced from last session, I will share them with everyone. The three tacked bills that were sitting on the Governor's Desk have been signed into Law (see attached).

The total number of bills introduced finished at 10,590 for this session. The total number of our tracked bills was at 195, with 144 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 51 bills in Pensions. There are currently no bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 519 bills to date. We finished with eleven of our tracked bills that have been signed into law for this Legislative Session (see attached). As soon as they post the final verbiage of these bills, I will share them with everyone.

Just a reminder, I will be adding a third tracking list for the Firemen's Home related bills for this new Legislative Session. If anyone has any input on these bills, it would be helpful as the previous list of bills seemed very generic. Once I add all the previous bills from the last Legislative Session into this new Session Tracking List, I will send it out to everyone.

Next week there is a Senate Quorum set for Thursday, January 25, 2024, as soon as they post the schedule, I will share it with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bills Recently Signed into Law

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: 2024:A736; 2024:S882; 2022:S3807
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 01/16/2024 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
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.
 01/16/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.333.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

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: Pamphlet Law
Status: 01/16/2024 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
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.
 01/16/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.348.
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: 2024:A615; 2024:S989; 2022:A3791; 2020:A2600; 2020:S1518; 2018:A4713; 2018:S3252
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 01/16/2024 - Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
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.
 01/16/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2023, c.265.
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."

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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	1/8/24	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.
265	1/16/24	S-281	Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses.
333	1/16/24	A-5567	Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons.
348	1/16/24	A-5909	Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to certain volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.