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Legislative Committee May 17, 2024

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 8,256 already for this session. There were 196 new bills added since the last report. I added seven new bills to our tracking lists (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now 237, with 129 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 70 bills in Firemen's Home, and 42 bills in Pensions. There are currently three bills sitting on The Governor's Desk including one of our tracked bills, A-3939, mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for career firefighters not enrolled in SHBP, but who are eligible for SHBP by virtue of public employment (see attached). The Governor signed thirteen bills into law to date none of our tracked bills have been signed.

Vice President Hankins and I showed support at the committee meetings in Trenton this past week that had some of our tracked bills listed to be heard. All the bills were approved by their committees and released.

There are some Committee Meetings on the schedule for Monday, May 20, 2024, and there is also a Senate Voting Session for Monday. One of our Firemen's Home tracked bills is listed to be voted on in the Senate, S-1965, regulates provision of pharmaceutical services in long-term care facilities.

The Annual Legislative Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. All members of the Legislative Committee are expected to be in attendance. If anyone is unable to attend, please contact me as soon as possible. I will send the link out again the day of the meeting. I will send a separate email with the Agenda for the Meeting as well as the bill voting list.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recent Action and New Bills Introduced

Bill: A4004 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Ramirez (D32); Marenco (D33); Rodriguez (D33) +2
Summary: Provides filing extension and medical documentation requirement for certain members or retirees of PFRS, SPRS, or PERS regarding accidental disability retirement allowance for participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:S3307
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 03/07/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
 05/16/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: A4415
Sponsors: Flynn (R13); Scharfenberger (R13)
Summary: Requires long-term care facilities to submit reports regarding residents with disabilities.
Subjects: Health-Facilities; Human Services-Developmental Disabilities; Human Services-Disabled
Related: 2024:S913; 2022:A4541; 2022:S838; 2020:A5253; 2020:S3369
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: ACR136
Sponsors: Rumpf (R9); Myhre (R9) +2
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence owned and occupied by surviving spouse of first responder who dies in line of duty.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:SCR106
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S2083
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Corrado (R40) +6
Summary: Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$2,000 gross income tax exemption.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Public Safety-Firefighters; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A1754; 2024:A3832; 2024:S620; 2024:S927; 2022:A757; 2022:S1697; 2022:S2224; 2020:A927; 2020:A3071; 2020:S1402; 2018:A709; 2018:A3529; 2018:S1458; 2018:S2651; 2016:A998; 2016:S563; 2014:A2140; 2014:S634; 2012:A664; 2012:S263; 2010:A2326; 2010:S62; 2008:A653; 2008:A2192; 2008:S2618; 2006:A1404; 2006:A2198; 2006:A2508; 2006:S1168; 2006:S1597; 2004:A465; 2004:A856; 2004:A923; 2004:S665; 2004:S1846; 2002:A244; 2002:A996; 2002:A2954; 2002:S718; 2002:S1834; 2000:A351; 2000:A711; 2000:S781; 1998:A384; 1998:A428; 1998:A2431; 1998:S608; 1996:A992; 1996:A1020; 1996:S585; 1994:A831; 1994:A2818; 1994:S2047; 1992:A620; 1992:S203; 1990:A3142; 1990:S2545
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
 05/16/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2386
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Moriarty (D4)
Summary: Provides gross income tax credit to active members of volunteer emergency service organizations for use of personal motor vehicle in performance of active duty.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Personal Income Tax
Related: 2024:A3532
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
05/16/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S3252
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Increases PFRS accidental disability and accidental death pension when disability or death is caused by weapon.
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Related: 2024:A1259; 2022:A2739; 2022:S2375; 2020:A5625; 2020:S3972
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S3259
Sponsors: Steinhardt (R23)
Summary: Establishes presumption for accidental disability retirement in PERS and PFRS that emergency medical technician, firefighter, and police officer has Parkinson's disease as result of employment.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Pensions; Pensions-Police And Firefighters
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: S3296
Sponsors: Corrado (R40)
Summary: Requires counties to establish crisis intervention services programs for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and sheriff's officers.
Subjects: Health; Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2024:A4135
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/16/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/16/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S3307
Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Provides filing extension and medical documentation requirement for certain members or retirees of PFRS, SPRS, or PERS regarding accidental disability retirement allowance for participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation
Subjects: Pensions-Police And Firefighters; Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:A4004
Progress: Proposed for introduction
Status: 05/16/2024 - Proposed for introduction
History: 05/16/2024—Proposed for introduction.
Tracking: [Pensions](#)

Bill: SCR82
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Moriarty (D4)
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption of up to 15 percent of assessed value for primary residence of certain volunteer first responders.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:ACR110
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/29/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
05/16/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Copies placed on desks in Senate. Copies placed on desks in Assembly.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: SCR106
Sponsors: Amato (R9)
Summary: Proposes constitutional amendment to provide property tax exemption for primary residence owned and occupied by surviving spouse of first responder who dies in line of duty.
Subjects: Constitutional Amendments; Health-Emergency Medical Services; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:ACR136
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/16/2024 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 05/16/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)



Bill Number ★ **A3939 of 2024-2025 Session**

Summary Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for professional firefighters not enrolled in SHBP, but who are eligible for SHBP by virtue of public employment.

Sponsors **Stanley (D18) • Speight (D29) • Reynolds-Jackson (D15) • Greenstein (D14) • Cryan (D20) +6**

Cosponsors **McCoy (D14) • Pintor Marin (D29) • Carter (D22) • McKeon (D27) • Moriarty (D4) • Burgess (D28)**

Subjects **Health • Public Safety-Firefighters**

Related ★ **2024:S2890**

Status **05/13/2024 – Passed in both houses**

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 03/04/2024 – Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee
03/14/2024 – Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
03/14/2024 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly
03/18/2024 – Passed in Assembly 77-0-0
04/11/2024 – Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate
05/13/2024 – Substituted for **S2890**
05/13/2024 – Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 37-0

Meetings 03/14/2024 – **AAP: Committee Meeting On 03/14/2024 (2nd Revised)**
03/15/2024 – **Assembly: Board List For 03/18/2024 (Supplemental)**
05/09/2024 – **Senate: Board List For 05/13/2024**
05/13/2024 – **Senate: Board List For 05/13/2024 (Revised)**

News None

Bill Text 03/05/2024 – **Introduced (4 pages)**
03/15/2024 – **Statement AAP 3/14/24 (1 page)**
03/20/2024 – **Fiscal Estimate (2 pages)**

Votes 03/18/2024 – **Assembly 3rd Reading/Final Passage 77-0-0**
05/13/2024 – **Senate 3rd Reading/Final Passage 37-0-0**

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

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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SERVICE

Monday, May 20, 2024

Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex.

For amendment only: A-3860, A-3861

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

For amendment only: A-3265

Senate, 10:30a Party Caucus; 11:00a Voting Session.

★ **S1965** Regulates provision of pharmaceutical services in long-term care facilities.

Tracking: *Firemen's Home*

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

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★ **Tracking Alert** — This document references bills you are tracking: **S2083, S2386, SCR82**

News From The Senate Democrats

GOPAL BILL PACKAGE MEANT TO RETAIN, SHORE UP VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDER RANKS ADVANCES

TRENTON – A Senate bill package sponsored by Senator Vin Gopal aimed at recruiting and retaining volunteer first responders advanced out of the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee. Much of the language in the legislative package derives from recommendations provided in a special task force report released in December 2023 offering short- and long-term strategies and incentives for the retention and recruitment of volunteer first responders.

"Given our current shortage of volunteers, particularly volunteer firefighters, first aid and rescue members, we need to become more proactive, offering such incentives as tax credits in order to help towns maintain their first responder rosters," said Senator Gopal (D-Monmouth). "These volunteers, ordinary citizens, are among those on the front lines during any emergency. Maintaining a robust volunteer rescue apparatus is critical to that first response, and invaluable to our towns and their residents."

The first bill, **S2083**, sponsored by Senator Gopal and Senator Kristin Corrado, would permit eligible volunteer firefighters and first aid or rescue squad members to take an additional \$2,000 exemption as a deduction from gross income under the New Jersey gross income tax. The purpose of the bill is to provide an incentive for more residents to become active volunteers, and to encourage those who are already volunteering to continue their service.

The second bill, **S2386**, sponsored by Senator Gopal, would establish a refundable gross income tax credit (\$500 to \$1,000) to provide reimbursement to eligible members of volunteer fire departments and first aid squads for the use of their personal vehicle in the performance of active duty. The purpose of the bill is to compensate volunteer first responders who use their personal vehicles to quickly respond to

The third piece of legislation, **SCR82**, also sponsored by Senator Gopal, and Senator Paul Moriarty, proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow municipalities to provide a partial property tax exemption for certain volunteer first responders.

If the amendment were approved by the voters, the Legislature would be required to enact a law permitting municipalities to provide a partial property tax exemption of up to 15 percent of the assessed value of a home for certain volunteer first responders. A municipality would have to pass an ordinance in order to provide the exemption.

The bills, **S2083, S23886, and SCR82**, were released by votes of 4-0, 4-0, and of 4-0, respectively.