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Legislative Committee October 31, 2024

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 9,550 already for this session. There were 107 new bills added since the last report. I added three new bills to our tracking lists, two of the bills are related to bills that we are already tracking, and one was converted from the previous session and just reintroduced (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now at 279, with 155 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 73 bills in Firemen's Home, and 54 bills in Pensions. There are currently twenty-five bills sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed eighty-five bills into law to date.

Vice President Hankins was in Trenton last week at the Assembly Labor Committee Meeting to show support and testify for A-1429, which exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services. The bill was reported out of committee and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. We had several other bills that had action this past week (see attached).

There is nothing on the schedule for the next two weeks with the Election coming up on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Related Bill Finder (2024-2025)

Updated Tracking Lists:

2024-2025 tracking list: Fire & Emergency Services

Tracked	Added	Bill Description
S3536	A5008	9-1-1 and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account-concerns distribution

2024-2025 tracking list: Pensions

Tracked	Added	Bill Description
S3812	A5049	Retirement or death benefits-remove cert limitations on receipt under PFRS

Updated Bill Comments:

No new bill comments were added.

2022-2023 to 2024-2025 Bill Conversion

Converted/Updated Tracking Lists:

« **2022-2023 tracking list: Fire & Emergency Services**

» **2024-2025 tracking list: Fire & Emergency Services**

2022-2023 | **2024-2025** | **Bill Description**

S180	A5031	Light frame residential construction-establish fire safety and protocols
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Converted/Updated Bill Comments:

No new bill comments were converted.

Fire & Emergency Service Bills with Recent Action

Bill: A1429
Sponsors: Haider (D37)
Summary: Exempts certain volunteer first responders from coverage under "unemployment compensation law"; excludes from gross income amounts received for certain volunteer emergency services.
Subjects: Labor-Unemployment Compensation; Public Safety-Emergency Management
Related: 2024:S788; 2022:A5860; 2022:S4185
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/24/2024 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: A4163 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Sumter (D35); Schaer (D36); Haider (D37) +25
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for biomarker testing.
Subjects: Insurance-Health Insurance
Related: 2024:S3098
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/24/2024 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 04/08/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Bill: S2948 ScaSa (2R)
Sponsors: Singleton (D7) +1
Summary: Provides that only registered design professionals or employees with certified fire escape contractors are authorized to install, service, repair, inspect, and maintain fire escapes.
Subjects: Housing-Construction Codes
Related: 2024:A4266
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 10/28/2024 - 2nd reading in the Senate
History: 03/11/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
05/06/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
10/28/2024—Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Support

Firemen's Home Bills with Recent Action

Bill: A2334 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Tully (D38); Swain (D38); Sampson (D31) +16
Summary: Requires telecommunications, cable television, and Internet service providers to allow for service contracts to be paused or canceled following service recipient's admission to long-term care facility.
Subjects: Communications; Communications-Internet; Communications-Television; Health; Health-Facilities
Related: 2024:S684; 2022:A1884; 2022:S3413; 2020:A2118; 2018:A4838; 2018:S3390
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 10/24/2024 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: A4809 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Verrelli (D15); Hall (D28)
Summary: Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in healthcare facilities, home care services, and hospice services; makes appropriation.
Subjects: Health-Facilities; Labor
Related: 2024:S1472; 2022:A4617; 2022:S3121
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 10/24/2024 - Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 09/19/2024—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: S684 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Singer (R30); Diegnan (D18) +3
Summary: Requires telecommunications, cable television, and Internet service providers to allow for service contracts to be paused or canceled following service recipient's admission to long-term care facility.
Subjects: Communications; Communications-Internet; Communications-Television; Health; Health-Facilities
Related: 2024:A2334; 2022:A1884; 2022:S3413; 2020:A2118; 2018:A4838; 2018:S3390
Progress: 2nd House: 2nd Reading
Status: 10/24/2024 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/09/2024—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
02/05/2024—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
02/12/2024—Passed in Senate 37-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
10/24/2024—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)