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Legislative Committee February 20, 2025

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 10,137 already for this session. There were 37 new bills added since the last report. I added three new bills to our tracking lists. The total number of our tracked bills is now at 301, with 171 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 73 bills in Firemen's Home, and 58 bills in Pensions. There are currently thirteen bills sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed one hundred thirty-six bills into law to date.

Vice President Hankins and I continue to show support for our tracked bills in Trenton during the scheduled Senate and Assembly Committee Meetings.

Five of our tracked bills are listed to be heard today in both Senate & Assembly Committees (see attached). There is an Assembly Quorum call for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, but they have not posted a list of committees that will meet or list of bills to be heard yet. There are also both Senate and Assembly Voting Session on the schedule for next week, but they have not yet posted the list of bills that will be voted on yet.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bill Number ★ **A4972 of 2024-2025 Session**

Summary Permits single exit stairwells in certain new residential buildings under State Uniform Construction Code.

Sponsors Calabrese (D36)

Subjects Housing-Construction Codes

Status 02/10/2025 - 2nd reading in the Assembly

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History 10/21/2024 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Housing Committee
02/10/2025 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly

Meetings 02/05/2025 – AHO: Committee Meeting On 02/10/2025

News None

Bill Text 10/22/2024 – Introduced (3 pages)
02/11/2025 – Statement AHO 2/11/25 (1 page)

Votes None

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

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4972

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 21, 2024

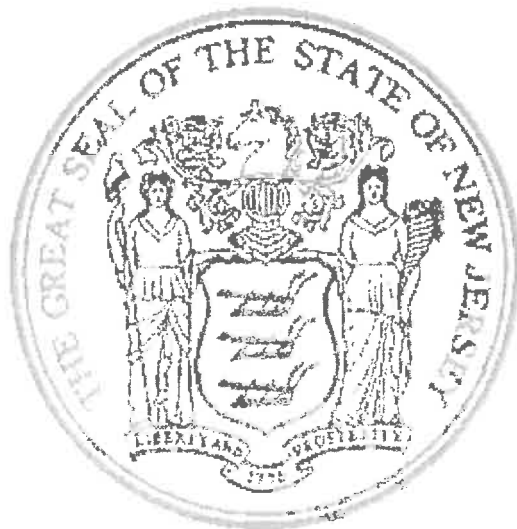
Sponsored by:
Assemblyman CLINTON CALABRESE
District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Permits single exit stairwells in certain new residential buildings under State Uniform Construction Code.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning stairwell requirements for certain new
2 residential buildings and supplementing P.L.1975, c.217
3 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 "Group R-2 occupancy" means a residential occupancy
10 containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the
11 occupants are primarily permanent in nature.

12 b. Notwithstanding any provision of the "State Uniform
13 Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.),
14 the State Uniform Construction Code, or any other provision of law
15 to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality may adopt an
16 ordinance or resolution to allow a single exit stairway to serve no
17 more than six stories of a Group R-2 occupancy in the same
18 building. The first floor of such a structure may be used for a
19 purpose other than residential use, provided that use is classified by
20 the commissioner as a nonhazardous occupancy and is served by
21 entrances that are separate from those serving the residential floors.
22 This section shall apply to new applications for development of
23 residential structures submitted on or after the effective date of
24 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

25 c. Notwithstanding the limitations established in section 1 of
26 P.L.2011, c.215 (C.52:14B-3a) concerning the use of regulatory
27 guidance documents, and pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2011, c.215
28 (C.52:14B-3a), the Commissioner of Community Affairs shall adopt
29 a regulatory guidance publication for the governing body of a
30 municipality, and publish the regulatory guidance on the Internet
31 website of the Department of Community Affairs, which regulatory
32 guidance shall include a model ordinance for the governing body of
33 a municipality to utilize when acting pursuant to the subsection b.
34 of this section.
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36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
37 next following the date of enactment, except the Commissioner of
38 Community Affairs shall be permitted to take anticipatory action
39 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.
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42 **STATEMENT**
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44 This bill would permit the governing body of a municipality to
45 adopt an ordinance or resolution to allow a single exit stairway to
46 serve a residential building of less than six stories for a Group R-2
47 occupancy, as defined in the bill, notwithstanding any provision of

1 the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217
2 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), the State Uniform Construction Code, or
3 any other provision of law to the contrary. The bill specifies that
4 the first floor of such a structure may be used for a purpose other
5 than residential use, provided that use is classified by the
6 Commissioner of Community Affairs as a nonhazardous occupancy
7 and served by entrances that are separate from those serving the
8 residential floors. The requirements of the bill would only apply to
9 new applications for development of residential structures
10 submitted on or after the effective date of the bill.

11 The bill requires the Commissioner of Community Affairs to
12 adopt a regulatory guidance publication for the governing body of a
13 municipality and publish the guidance on the Internet website of the
14 Department of Community Affairs, which is required by the bill to
15 include a model ordinance for the governing body of a municipality
16 to utilize when acting pursuant to the authority granted under the
17 bill.

18 The bill would take effect on the first day of the fourth month
19 next following the date of enactment, except the Commissioner of
20 Community Affairs would be permitted to take anticipatory action
21 necessary to effectuate the provisions of the bill.



Bill Number ★ S4140 of 2024-2025 Session

Summary "Honoring and Listening to Our First Responders Act"; establishes offense of interfering with official duties of first responder under certain circumstances.

Sponsors Bucco (R25)

Subjects Health-Emergency Medical Services • Public Safety-Emergency Management

Status 02/13/2025 – Proposed for introduction

Scheduled Not Scheduled

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

History None

Meetings None

News None

Bill Text None

Votes None

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

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Thursday, February 20, 2025

Assembly Judiciary Committee, 10:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 12, Annex. *(Revised 02/18/2025)*

Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee, 10:00a, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 9, Annex.

Following the public portion of the meeting, the committee will convene in closed session to be briefed by Laurie Doran, Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and members of the State Police concerning public safety preparations being undertaken to host the month-long FIFA World Cup 2026 soccer tournament.

New Jersey Law Revision Commission, 10:00a, remotely.

Consideration of memorandums and reports.

Assembly State and Local Government Committee, 11:00a, 4th Floor, Committee Room 16, Annex. *(Revised 02/20/2025)*

For discussion only: A4692.

- ★ **A5049** Removes certain limitations on receipt of retirement or death benefits under PFRS.

Tracking: *Pensions*

Senate Judiciary Committee, 11:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. *(Revised 02/18/2025)*

Nominations to be interviewed and considered.

- ★ **S3735** Extends certain provisions of P.L.2022, c.9.

Tracking: *Pensions*

Senate, 12:00p Quorum Call.

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

Assembly Labor Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 15, Annex.

- ★ **A2145** Provides employment protections for paid first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder under certain conditions.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services — Support*

Assembly Appropriations Committee, 1:30p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex. *(Revised 02/19/2025)*

- ★ **A3810** Requires adoption of policy addressing job-related issues of pregnant firefighters.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

- ★ **A4904** Extends certain provisions of P.L.2022, c.9.

Tracking: *Pensions*



Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Assembly, Budget Address; Quorum.

Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 9:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 6, Annex.

★ **S1427** Requires State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee include certain first responder titles in first responders primary care medical home program.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

Senate, 12:00p Voting Session; Budget Address; Time to be announced. *(Revised 01/02/2025)*



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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SERVICE

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Assembly, Voting Session; Time and Board List to be announced.

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