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Legislative Committee

June 26, 2025

To all members of the Legislative Committee, the total number of bills introduced is 11,209 already for this session. There were 162 new bills added since the last report, I added 7 new bills to our tracking lists (see attached). The total number of our tracked bills is now 335, with 198 bills in Fire & Emergency Services, 76 bills in Firemen's Home, and 61 bills in Pensions. There are currently fourteen bills sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. The Governor signed one hundred eighty-six bills into law to date.

There are Both Assembly and Senate Budget Committee Meetings on the schedule for today. Some of our tracked bills are listed to be heard (see attached). On Monday, June 30, 2025, there are both Assembly and Senate Voting Sessions on the schedule. Some of our tracked bills are listed to be heard (see attached).

I wrote a support Letter for Federal Legislation for the Helper Act, HR 2904 & S-978 (see attached). I have written in support of this act in the past and I was asked again as these bills have been recently reintroduced for the new Federal Legislative Session.

Just a reminder the State Office will be closed next week for the Fourth Of July Holiday. The State Office will reopen on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recently Introduced Bills

Bill: A5792 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Drulis (D16); Hutchison (D4)
Summary: Provides for workers' compensation coverage of certain counseling services for first responders and provides that certain mental health related communications are confidential.
Subjects: Health-Emergency Medical Services; Human Services-Mental Health; Labor-Workers Compensation
Related: 2024:S4590
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 06/16/2025 - 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 06/16/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Scheduled: 06/30/2025—Assembly, 9:00a Caucus; 11:00a Voting Session.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: A5877
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6)
Summary: Revises assessment imposed on nursing homes if permissible under federal law.
Subjects: Health-Facilities
Related: 2024:S4635
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 - Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Scheduled: 06/26/2025—Assembly Budget Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex. (Revised 06/25/2025)
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: AJR228
Sponsors: Fantasia (R24)
Summary: Designates first Sunday in May of each year as "Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day."
Subjects: Commemorations; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:SJR166
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 - Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S4609
Sponsors: Amato (R9)
Summary: Authorizes certain county fire coordinators to display emergency warning lights on vehicles.
Subjects: Local Officers And Employees; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:A5722; 2022:A211; 2022:S3921; 2020:A4871; 2018:A3199; 2018:S1433; 2016:A4892; 2016:S2984
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/19/2025 - Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
History: 06/19/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)

Bill: S4635
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Revises assessment imposed on nursing homes if permissible under federal law.
Subjects: Health-Facilities
Related: 2024:A5877
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 - Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Scheduled: 06/26/2025—Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 12:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. (Revised 06/25/2025)
Tracking: [Firemen's Home](#)

Bill: S4642
Sponsors: Mukherji (D32)
Summary: Permits single exit stairwells in certain new residential buildings under State Uniform Construction Code.
Subjects: Housing-Construction Codes
Related: 2024:A4972
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 - Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)
Position: Oppose

Bill: SJR166
Sponsors: Space (R24); Amato (R9)
Summary: Designates first Sunday in May of each year as "Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day."
Subjects: Commemorations; Public Safety-Firefighters
Related: 2024:AJR228
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 - Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 06/23/2025—Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
Tracking: [Fire & Emergency Services](#)



Thursday, June 26, 2025

Assembly, Committees at Call of the Speaker; Quorum. *(Revised 06/24/2025)*

Senate Judiciary Committee, 10:00a, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. *(Revised 06/25/2025)*

Nominations to be interviewed and considered.

Senate, 12:00p Quorum Call. *(Revised 06/25/2025)*

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, 12:00p, 1st Floor, Committee Room 4, Annex. *(Revised 06/25/2025)*

- ★ **S2373** Provides employment protections for paid first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder under certain conditions.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services — Support*

- ★ **S4402** Provides for filing extension and medical documentation requirement for certain members of PERS, PFRS, and SPRS to receive accidental disability retirement allowance for participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services — Support*

- ★ **S4590 [bill added]** Provides for workers' compensation coverage of certain counseling services for first responders and provides that certain mental health related communications are confidential.

Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services*

Assembly Budget Committee, 1:00p, 4th Floor, Committee Room 11, Annex. *(Revised 06/25/2025)*

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

Tracking: *Pensions — Support*



Monday, June 30, 2025

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

Assembly, 9:00a Caucus; 11:00a Voting Session.

- ★ **A5195** Requires producer of certain firefighting equipment containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to provide written notice to purchaser; prohibits sale, manufacture, and distribution of certain firefighting equipment containing intentionally a
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support
- ★ **A5223** Requires manufacturer of firefighting personal protective equipment containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to provide written notice to purchaser.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support
- ★ **A5381** Provides medical documentation requirement for certain members of PERS, PFRS, and SPRS to receive accidental disability retirement allowance for participation in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations; removes filing deadline.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support
- ★ **A5538** Prohibits municipal utilities authority from charging fire district and fire department water service charges for fire protection systems in certain circumstances.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — Support

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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, and Leader Schumer:

I am honored to write in strong support of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. H.R.2904 and S.978 were introduced in March of 2025 as a bipartisan, bicameral bill, with endorsements from dozens of national, state, and local organizations and elected officials.

The HELPER Act would establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and preK-12 teachers—our nation's first responders. Too often, these individuals struggle to afford their first home despite their dedication and honorable service to our communities.

First responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving others. They frequently put their lives on the line to ensure their fellow Americans' safety and well-being. It is time to recognize their sacrifice by giving them the support they deserve. Under the Federal Housing Administration, this program would allow first responders to obtain low-interest, fully insured home loans with no down payment and no monthly mortgage insurance costs for a first-time home purchase.

Our nation's first responders have shown unwavering commitment to their communities. They serve selflessly, often under dangerous and challenging conditions. We honor their dedication by providing access to affordable housing, enabling them to care for their families while continuing to serve their communities.

We hope you will join New Jersey State Firemen's Association in supporting the HELPER Act, and we look forward to working with you on this vital issue.

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