

New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Bulletin

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THE FOLLOWING BILL WAS ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2009:

Chapter 4 A-1185 1/21/2009
 Authorizes public entities to implement energy savings improvement programs.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2008:

Chapter 107 A-1498 12/04/2008
 Daniel Mackey's law; requires certain information be given to next of kin of relatives killed or incapacitated in motor vehicle accident; caps certain abandoned vehicle storage fees.

Chapter 129 A-3186 1/12/2009
 Provides for adjustment and notice of date on which certain elections can occur if date coincides with period of religious observance.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-1551 Greenstein, Linda R. Oliver, Sheila Y.	Establishes the "Healthy Workplace Act." <i>While a laudable goal, the bill would impose new training and policing costs on employers and could occasion increased litigation.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee	O
A-3482 Addiego, Dawn Marie Rudder, Scott	Defines and removes limits on municipal market to affordable programs.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	* A
A-3486 Biondi, Peter J. Malone, Joseph R., III	Establishes certain ethics protocols for procurement of fire engines.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	* A
A-3505 Fisher, Douglas H. Burzichelli, John J.	Clarifies that local units of government may enter into shared services agreement for a service that either one of them is authorized to provide.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	* A

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A-3522 Rumana, Scott T. Polistina, Vincent J. Amodeo, John F. Karrow, Marcia A.	Creates temporary suspension of certain rules of Council on Affordable Housing under certain economic conditions.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3541 Doherty, Michael J. McKeon, John F.	Extends deadline for municipal certified recycling coordinator requirements.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
A-3557 Rible, David P.	Requires local units to provide notification when changing health benefits plan providers. <i>Cannot support time constraints imposed on municipalities, nor prohibition on changing providers during negotiation.</i>	Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee	O
A-3559 McHose, Alison Littell Chiusano, Gary R. Conners, Jack	Protects property owned by military personnel and first responders from condemnation <i>Too broad; doesn't distinguish different purposes of condemnation (road constructions, e.g.)</i>	Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee	O
A-3562 Johnson, Gordon M.	Prohibits imposition of 2.5% non-residential development fee for affordable housing on construction for which development application was deemed complete prior to July 17, 2008. <i>Obligation generated by fee should also be exempted.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3575 Addiego, Dawn Marie Voss, Joan M.	Authorizes creation of local animal health and population control commissions. <i>Unnecesary and redundant.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O
A-3591 Johnson, Gordon M.	Prohibits Internet posting of certain information on law enforcement officers.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A
A-3593 Casagrande, Caroline	Allows only one PERS-covered position for PERS membership, contributions and service credit; provides for PERS designation of maximum compensation position among multiple positions held. <i>Does not apply to all pension systems.</i>	Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend to enact with condition	O
A-3621 DeAngelo, Wayne P. Spencer, L. Grace Barnes, Peter J., III	Changes signature requirement for recall petition and when recall may be initiated. <i>Current requirements and limits adequately protect public's interests.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3631 Albano, Nelson T. Milam, Matthew W.	Provides that any public or nonpublic building used as a polling place and involved in providing care to children must be closed on general election day. <i>Results in shortage of polling places.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O

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A-3636 Dancer, Ronald S.	Requires municipal court judge to disclose to governing body of municipality information concerning certain decisions by the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-3640 Evans, Eleasa	Establishes a pothole repair and research program in the Department of Transportation and provides funding from new motor vehicle tire fee revenue. <i>The bill does not address any local component regarding disbursement of funds for pot – hole repair.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-3656 Johnson, Gordon M.	Changes title of animal cruelty investigator to "municipal humane law enforcement officer" and defines them in statute. <i>Unnecessary legislation.</i>	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	O
A-3657 Burzichelli, John J.	Concerns extension of certain local government financial agreements.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3698 Wisniewski, John S.	Provides for base and alternate bids for certain public contracts; requires contracting unit to specify basis for determining lowest responsible bid and criteria for selection of alternate bids. <i>Confusing as drafted. Need more clear cut criteria.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
S-2266 Vitale, Joseph F. Whelan, Jim	Permits municipalities to recover certain costs and fees from alcoholic beverage licensees charged with violations.	Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee	A
S-2292 Bateman, Christopher Haines, Philip E.	Revises laws governing provision of affordable housing; reestablishes regional contribution agreement as method of meeting affordable housing obligation; repeals Statewide non-residential development fee.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2332 Van Drew, Jeff	Establishes that police cruisers have a useful life of five years and allows local units to bond for such vehicles. <i>Police cars do not have a long useful life. Bonding will result in towns paying more for something that's no longer useful.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2372 Sarlo, Paul A.	Permits revenue received by municipality as payments in lieu of taxes to increase cap base upon which permissible increases to final appropriations are calculated under local cap law.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2390 Bateman, Christopher Ciesla, Andrew R.	Prohibits health care institutions from discharging medications into sewer or septic systems.	Senate Environment Committee	A

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S-2393 Oroho, Steven V.	Requires voter referendum and vote by affected governing bodies for approval of proposed consolidation plan. <i>*We are working with the sponsor on a technical amendment to address our concerns.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O*
S-2401 Van Drew, Jeff Cunningham, Sandra B.	Requires issuance of construction permits for installation of wheelchair ramps on residential real property within 3 business days of application. <i>Unworkable time frame; bill doesn't distinguish application from a completed application.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2410 Connors, Christopher J.	" 'Invest in New Jersey First' Act;" requires preference in awarding certain contracts for critical infrastructure projects. <i>League opposes all preference bills.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	O
S-2419 Van Drew, Jeff Kean, Sean T.	Removes licensing requirement for recreational bingo games.	Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading	A
S-2453 Oroho, Steven V.	Prohibits DEP from requiring recycling coordinators to complete educational course on recycling	Senate Environment Committee	A
S-2460 Baroni, Bill	Limits job creation estimation under COAH regulations for warehousing activities.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-2483 Van Drew, Jeff	Authorizes veterans property tax exemption for totally disabled veterans who did not serve in theater of war. <i>No state reimbursement for loss of property tax revenues.</i>	Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee	O

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