

New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Bulletin

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

Chapter 46 A-500 7/17/2008

Revises laws concerning the provision of affordable housing.

Chapter 52 S-1390 8/5/2008

Revises statutes concerning abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels; authorizes certain entities to remove abandoned vessels.

Chapter 54 A-1559 8/5/2008

Authorizes municipal planning boards to adopt green buildings and environmental sustainability municipal master plan element.

Chapter 65 S-1339 8/14/2008

Requires deposit of proceeds from sale, assignment, lease, transfer, or redevelopment of certain high value municipal assets into dedicated trust fund; provides for establishment, supervision, and administration of dedicated trust fund.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-114 Vainieri Huttle, Valerie Johnson, Gordon M. Vandervalk, Charlotte Evans, Elise	Requires notice of development applications be given to residential tenants on that property. <i>Could subject all applications to litigation.</i>	2 nd Reading, Assembly	O
A-2647 Polistina, Vincent J. Amodeo, John F.	Makes certain State and local appointed public officials ineligible, retroactive to July 1, 2007, for PERS membership regardless of prior PERS membership. <i>Would discourage lateral movement in public service positions.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-3030 Casagrande, Caroline	Subjects certain shared service agreements to review of Attorney General; requires Division of Local Government Services to provide assistance with shared service agreements.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3032 Milam, Matthew W. Albano, Nelson T.	Permits public employees to waive enrollment in State-administered pension systems and elect enrollment in Defined Contribution Retirement Program.	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-3060 Angelini, Mary Pat Caputo, Ralph R.	Prohibits certain alcoholic beverage advertisements within 300 feet of a school, church, or public park. <i>Unenforceable.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-3071 Wisniewski, John S	The "Banking Development District Act." <i>Proliferation of online banking renders this bill unnecessary</i>	Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee	O
A-3076 Addiego, Dawn Marie Rudder, Scott	Requires person eligible for health care benefits from more than one public entity to choose coverage from only one.	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-3085 Dancer, Ronald S. Malone, Joseph R., III	Permits contiguous municipalities in different vicinages to share court facilities.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A

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A-3088 Rooney, John E. Vandervalk, Charlotte	Establishes information reporting requirements involving certain public contracts with private entities. <i>Redundant requirements would obviate functions of Office of State Comptroller.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O
A-3089 DeCroce, Alex Greenstein, Linda R. Webber, Jay	Concerns dissolution of free public libraries.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-3094 Chiappone, Anthony	Removes vendor certification requirement as prerequisite to payment by local unit. <i>Vendor should be held accountable by signing certification.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3102 Rible, David P. Johnson, Gordon M.	Requires the Division of Criminal Justice to prepare impact statement before police force merger; requires merger to be approved by referendum. <i>Puts unnecessary hurdle between local elected officials and significant savings.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-3113 Rumpf, Brian E. Van Pelt, Daniel M.	Requires notice to municipality prior to submitting application for wine wholesale license.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A
A-3117 Wisniewski, John S.	Provides for establishment of "Highway Construction Zone Safety Program." <i>This can be done administratively.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	O
A-3119 Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.	Renames "Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission" as "Karcher Commission"; requires commission to promulgate two consecutive plans for municipal consolidation; provides for enactment of municipal consolidation plans. <i>Asks Commission to do too much too fast. Could penalize voters for expressing their honest opinions on consolidations.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-3126 Doherty, Michael J. Chiusano, Gary R.	Requires State provide description of services to be provided if local unit must pay for services..	Assembly State Government Committee	A

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-3203 Quigley, Joan M. Spencer, L. Grace Smith, L. Harvey	Establishes procedures to prevent and eradicate bedbug infestations in certain residential property. <i>Places burden on local board of health if owner does not act. Would be costly for municipalities.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
ACR-193 Rible, David P. Angelini, Mary Pat	Determines that certain Council on Affordable Housing regulations are not consistent with legislative intent.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
S-1901 Rice, Ronald L.	Exempts work on affordable housing owned by public bodies from prevailing wage law.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-1977 Cunningham, Sandra Redd, Dana L.	Requires prosecution of domestic violence-related cases in Superior Court; removes jurisdiction from municipal court.	Senate Judiciary Committee	A
S-1992 Van Drew, Jeff	Revises animal cruelty offenses concerning abuse, abandonment, neglect, and improper euthanizing of animals, increases criminal and civil penalties therefor; establishes such penalties for new offenses; repeals conflicting sections of law. <i>Subjective standards for some offenses make enforcement difficult.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	O
S-2031 Van Drew, Jeff Connors, Christopher J.	Requires State and local emergency operations plans include provisions to address needs of families of emergency responders serving during a disaster or emergency.	Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee	A
S-2037 Bucco, Anthony R. Rice, Ronald L.	Allows certain members of PFRS to serve until age 70 upon approval by municipal governing body. <i>Current system encourages members to retire early while they are in optimal physical condition.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	O
S-2061 Stack, Brian P. Ruiz, M. Teresa	Requires written residential leases to be provided in both English and Spanish in certain municipalities. <i>Potential for requirement to expand to other areas.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2062 Stack, Brian P. Cunningham, Sandra B.	Establishes 21-day grace period for property tax installment payments by senior citizens meeting income requirements. <i>Existing 10 day grace period adequate and sufficient.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-2070 Oroho, Steven V.	Expands range of local units eligible to join an insurance fund established by a municipality or county under certain circumstances.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A

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S-2073 Sarlo, Paul A.	Revises "Predatory Towing Prevention Act." <i>Unintended consequences would weaken consumer protections.</i>	Senate Transportation Committee	O

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