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Law Requiring Employees to Live In-State Takes Effect Sept. 1

In May, Gov. Chris Christie signed P.L. 2011, c. 70, [S-1730/A-2478](#), into law. The law requires certain public employees to reside in the state, or move to New Jersey within a year of taking a public position. The measure covers all state, county and municipal employees as well as anyone working for school districts or other political subdivisions such as authorities, agencies and commissions. There are some exceptions for employees working in higher education, and any person may request, from a five-member committee, an exemption from the provisions of this subsection on the basis of critical need or hardship. This committee has yet to be appointed and at this time there are no specifics on the implementation of the committee.

Current employees living out of state would not have to meet the residency requirement, and would be able to move to a new public position, for example, in another municipality, without being required to move to New Jersey, as long as there is no break in service greater than seven days.

For new employees, the law takes effect September 1. Employees whose first effective day of employment falls on or after September 1 must live in New Jersey or move to the state within a year.

We urge you to discuss the impact of this law with your personnel professionals, labor lawyer and business administrator. We will continue to keep you apprised as information becomes available.

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ADA Standards in Public Right-of-Ways

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the NJDOT are requiring ADA compliant curb ramps. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) promotes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure that persons with disabilities have the opportunity to use the transportation system in an accessible and safe manner. The Public-Right-of-Way Guidelines (PROWAG) are Engineers primary source for accessible design **within the Public Right-Of-Way**. The PROWAG are presently just draft guidelines and have been recently posted on the Federal Register for comments. The schedule is to have them adopted by 2012. Engineers in the meantime have been instructed to follow these "Draft" guidelines as they will eventually become the standards. Engineers must design and ensure construction of these curb ramps meet current ADA regulation. It needs to be understood that there is more cost and time in designing these ramps as we can no longer simply show a "standard" ADA curb ramp detail as they are all different to meet the existing intersection or pedestrian crossing conditions. For additional direction please see the following:

Call or Email Scott Windley from the Access Board at (202) 272-0025 or windley@access-board.gov

The NJDOT has an ADA Presentation by FHWA posted on their website with some good examples (<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/documents/LPADPFAADA-kps.pdf>)

-*Frank J. Seney, PE, CME, PP, President, New Jersey Municipal Engineers Society*

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CEU TRACKING SYSTEM FOR LEAGUE CONFERENCE SESSIONS OFFERS ATTENDEES MORE FLEXIBILITY

Conference time is just around the corner and this year, in order to make the process of moving from session to session quicker and cutting down on the paper work, we at the League will be once again be utilizing the CEU tracking system for the League sponsored sessions*.

How the CEU Tracking System works:

Each League sponsored session that has CEU's will be assigned a CEU volunteer who will be given a scanner to scan each attendee's conference badge before each session begins. If a sign-out is required, the CEU volunteer will be present at the door to scan everyone's badge as they leave. This will account for the attendee's attendance at a particular session and is a replacement of the sign-in sheets.

Once the session is complete, the attendee can to retrieve their certificate by accessing the CEU system through the link** on the League website from their personal computers. ***

Computer System Log-in:

Log onto the CEU system and enter your badge number (or name and zip code as it appears on your registration).

Select the session for which you wish to print a CEU certificate (please note, sessions only appear for selection after you have attended and been scanned into that session, therefore if you are not scanned in, you cannot access the session.)

When prompted, you will fill out the standard evaluation form for that session.

Once the evaluation form is submitted online, you will have the option to print out the certificate.

After the certificate is printed, you can then have the option to return to the main screen and print out another CEU Certificate or log out.

With the CEU tracking system, the CEU process should be easy -to-use and convenient, while allowing you plenty of time to get from session to session. If you have any questions or need additional guidance please contact Danielle Holland Program Specialist at 609-695-3481 ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.com .

* Please note the procedure explained above only applies to **League sponsored sessions**. Affiliate sessions may use a different procedure. For a complete list of League sponsored sessions please consult the League website.

** Please note that not all sessions will be immediately available.

***Attendees will have up until May 2012 to access this system.

Time to Plan

Many planning and zoning boards have minimal applications. Instead of cancelling meetings, boards can take this time to plan.

Frequently, board members and staff note provisions of the ordinance and master plan that should be amended. A work plan to review ordinance and master plan provisions can be a healthy and constructive process. The planning board can also prepare a re-examination report reviewing the ordinance changes and incorporating the changes recommended in the zoning board's annual report. The zoning board can begin advance work on the annual report and can provide additional needed detail to encourage the governing body and the planning board to prepare ordinance amendments.

Both boards can work on their rules and regulations. In addition, meetings can be scheduled for educational purposes to review case law and statutory changes. Current lack of items on the agenda provides an excellent opportunity to plan.

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Upcoming Seminars

- Sept 28- *Governing with Less Yet Doing More*
Robert Meyner
Reception Center,
Holmdel
- Oct 5- *Taking the Mystery Out of Applying For Grants*,
Crowne Plaza
Monroe, Jamesburg
- Oct 14- *Ethics and Conflicts of Interest*,
Conference Center at
Mercer, West Windsor
- Oct 18- *A Review of Record Retention and the Open Public Records Act*, Robert Meyner
Reception Center,
Holmdel
- Oct 25- *Labor Negotiations Primer*, Robert
Meyner Reception Center,
Holmdel
- Nov 15,-*96th Annual League*
16,17 *Conference*, Atlantic
City

CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

-Contact: *Gayle Krygier, Bookkeeper ext 119*

The League's Annual Conference pre-registration forms were mailed to all Municipal Clerks on August 1, 2011. **The cut-off date for pre-registration is October 1. After that date, you must register on-site for an increased price.** Be sure to pre-register your municipal delegation and save money. The forms are available at the [Conference Web Site](#). On-line registration is also available to officials.

OPRA PROGRAM OFFERED THIS FALL WITH A TWIST

We are offering a seminar on the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) this October 18(at the Robert Meyner Reception Center in Holmdel), with a twist. In addition to a "traditional panelist" seminar we will be holding an extended interactive "Ask OPRA" segment.

We are requesting that all attendees submit questions ahead of time to dholland@njslom.com (please include "Ask OPRA" in the subject line" when sending in your questions). We want to ensure that all questions have the chance to be considered.

To see the agenda or to register for this program click the following link: <http://www.njslom.com/seminar-documents/cal-2011-1018-OPRA.html>

Emergency Management Program Offers Solutions for When Disasters Strike

On September 13 at the Canale Training Center in Egg Harbor, the NJLM Educational Foundation will offer the program "Emergency Management: Utilities and Shore Communities" The program will discuss emergency planning, communication procedures, and how to provide contact information for cohesive coordination during weather emergencies.

Speakers include:

- **Mayor Arthur Ondish**, Mayor of Mount Arlington. League 1st Vice President
- **Lt. Thomas Scardino**, Assistant Bureau Chief , Emergency Preparedness Bureau Emergency Management Section: Homeland Security Branch NJ State Police
- **Vincent J. Jones III**, Director, Dept of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Atlantic County
- **Gordon Ball**, Senior Procurement Specialist, Department of Community Affairs
- And many more!

Visit the [League Education Foundation](#) website for more details!

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

To **register** for a Seminar and/or Event, please log onto www.njslom.org, click "**Calendar**", select your event, and **fax the downloaded registration form to Suzanne Delany, Registration Coordinator**, at (609) 695-0151. Should you have any **registration questions**, such as availability of a seminar, call Suzanne at (609) 695-3481 at **ext 111**, or you can email her at sdelany@njslom.com.

NJRPA Hosts Certified Playground Safety Inspectors Course & Exam
October 17-19, 2011
Morristown, NJ

New Jersey law mandates public playgrounds must meet U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission Standards (USCPSC). According to the USCPSC over 230,000 were treated for playground accidents in 2005 and 70% occurred at public parks, schoolyards, and child care centers.

Hosted by the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) and sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association/National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI), this course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods. The course requires advanced reading and twelve hours of training (1.2 CEU's) to prepare for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam.

National Playground Safety Institute promotes children's rights to play and the importance play has in a child's development. NPSI provides input to help develop responsible public policy for guaranteed safety of children while at the same time advocates sound fiscal responsibility to provide resources for ongoing maintenance and support of the policy.

DETAILED course information and registration materials are available on the NJRPA website:
www.njrpa.org

For additional information contact NJRPA at 732-568-1270



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Deadline for November Newsletter: October 15, 2011

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It is authorized by State Statute and since 1915, has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All 566 municipalities are members of the League. Over 560 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials of member municipalities are entitled to all of the services and privileges of the League.