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BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<b>A-273</b> Chivukula, Upendra, J.	Creates matching grant program for purchase of emergency escape rope systems.  <i>Federal funding already available.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-953</b> Munzo, Eric	Changes the qualifications for appointment to the Local Finance Board.  <i>This vital board needs to include members from a wide pool of candidates.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1291</b> Manzo, Louis M.	Permits purchase of goods and services by the State and local government units through electronic means.  <i>Pilot program already in place. Regulatory oversight should go to Division of Local Government Services.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1574</b> Wolfe, David W. Halzapfel, James W.	Eliminates remarriage prohibition for PFRS death benefits; provides retirement allowance to certain survivors of PFRS members.  <i>Does not apply equally to all pension systems.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1786</b> Stack, Brian P. Prieto, Vincent Quigley, Joan M.	Provides for issuance of a uniform identification card for all law enforcement officers.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1842</b> Greenstein, Linda R. Handlin, Amy H. Vas, Joseph	Establishes circumstances under which municipalities may base development approval, the timing thereof, or denial, on sufficiency of local transportation infrastructure.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1843</b> Greenstein, Linda R.	Clarifies power of municipalities to zone for separation of incompatible land uses through specification of reasonable separation limitations.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>

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<b>A-1895</b> McKeon, John F. Greenstein, Linda R. Manzo, Louis M.	Increases time for DEP review of proposed negative declaration and requires certain notice to municipalities under Industrial Site Recovery Act.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading in Assembly	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1292</b> Manzo, Louis M.	Prohibits municipal officers and employees serving on redevelopment or housing agencies from voting to condemn property.  Same as S-210  <i>Unnecessary, and in some circumstance the agency will be unable to act.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2716</b> Quigley, Joan M. Prieto, Vincent Wisniewski, John S. Manzo, Lousi M.	Requires 90 days' notice to affected municipalities of discontinuance of certain bus and train service.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading in Assembly	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2721</b> Manzo, Louis M.	Requires municipal treasurer to certify in writing annual service charge received pursuant to tax exemption financial agreement.  <i>Creates duplication. Each county should monitor own account of remittance of annual service charge.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3119</b> Karrow, Marcia A.	Authorizes local law enforcement officers to inspect trucks.	Assembly Tourism and Gambling Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3387</b> Quigley, Joan M. Prieto, Vincent	Authorizes municipalities to establish a local realty transfer fee in the amount of \$0.50 per \$500 of a property's purchase price.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3551</b> Van Drew, Jeff Albano, Nelson T.	Requires DEP to notify coastal municipalities of certain settlement discussions.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3625</b> Van Drew, Jeff Albano, Nelson T.	Reduces certain stop sign no parking zones from 50 feet to 30 feet.  <i>No Local Discretion; League will support if amended to provide for approval of governing body.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3626</b> Van Drew, Jeff Albano, Nelson T.	Establishes maximum rate for State and local hotel and motel occupancy taxes and fees.  <i>Towns will suffer loss as State will limit revenues.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-3636</b> Connors, Christopher Rumpf, Brian E. Wolfe, David W.	Requires public hearings on proposed off-track wagering facilities to be held in municipalities contiguous to site where proposed facilities will be located.	Assembly Tourism and Gambling Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3767</b> Van Drew, Jeff Diegnan, Patrick J.	Revises statutes concerning abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels; authorizes municipalities to remove abandoned vessels from municipal waterways.  Same as S-2273	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading, Assembly	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3792</b> Cohen, Neil M.	Provides that property owner who negligently contaminates or neglects property shall be assessed property taxes at value of property without consideration of effects of contamination or neglect.  <i>Uses tax assessment system to punish property owners. Correct approach is appropriate fines and penalties levied against property owner.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3797</b> Cohen, Neil M.	Allows municipal tax assessor to increase assessment of illegally converted real property.  <i>The punitive aspect of illegal conversions is addressed through zoning statutes.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3799</b> Cohen, Neil M.	Clarifies that additions and improvements omitted from the property assessment list may be assessed as omitted assessments.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3801</b> Cohen, Neil M.	Authorizes tax assessor at this or her own discretion to file cross-petition of appeal with county tax board or counterclaim with Tax Court.  <i>This would set wrong precedent. This authority rests with the municipality.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4004</b> Diegnan, Patrick J. Fisher, Douglas H. Voss, Joan M. Stender, Linda	Prohibits municipal prosecutors from making certain recommendations to the court.  <i>Limiting prosecutorial discretion could hamstring efficient administration of justice.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading, Assembly	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4400</b> Wisniewski, John S.	Requires that no combustible materials be present near designated outdoor smoking areas.  <i>Good concept, but unenforceable.</i>	Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-162</b> Lesniak, Raymond J. Buono, Barbara	Permits voter registration at polling place on days of municipal primary and general elections.  <i>No method to verify information; slows election process at polls.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2145</b> McNamara, Henry P.	Requires coaches in youth sports leagues to receive CPR certification.	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior	<b>O</b>

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	<i>Good idea, but would shrink pool of potential volunteers.</i>	Citizens Committee	
<b>S-2288</b> Rice, Ronald L. Shirley, Turner K.	Prohibits businesses from posting advertisements on vacant properties, and imposes penalties therefor.  <i>No local discretion.</i>	Senate Commerce Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2311</b> Singer, Robert W.	Requires public body to post agendas and minutes on Internet site; requires any public body to devote part of each public meeting to public comment.  <i>Unreasonable, unworkable and impractical, though well-intended.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2566</b> Singer, Robert W. Rice, Ronald L.	Requires COAH to conduct a public hearing if mediation to resolve objection to municipality's petition for substantive certification is unsuccessful.  <i>Unnecessary. COAH already conducts a hearing in these circumstances.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2820</b> Smith, Bob Scutari, Nicholas P.	Requires Site Improvement Advisory Board to offer recommendations to encourage sustainable development.  <i>It is problematic to define "Sustainable development" in Statute.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2839</b> Madden, Fred H. Sweeney, Stephen M.	Concerns access to wage records in connection with projects subject to prevailing wage requirements.  <i>Expands role of municipality to that of enforcement.</i>	Senate Labor Committee	<b>O</b>

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