LEGISLATIVE SESSION

June 2014

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2014:

Chapter 5 A-347 5/15/2014

Authorizes municipalities to impose penalties on creditors that fail to timely remedy code violations of certain properties in foreclosure.

> Chapter 11 A-3424 6/24/2014

Revises certain laws governing police and fire interest arbitration; incorporates compounding in base salary calculation; extends two-percent cap on base salary awards.

A = Approved By the League O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-883/S-718 Munoz, Nancy Benson, Daniel	Requires sex offender's tier designation to be completed and reviewed by the court prior to release from incarceration.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A-3006 Conaway, Herb, Jr.	Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-3089 McKeon, John	Allows local government deferred compensation plans to invest in collective investment trusts.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-3118 Mazzeo, Vincent	Requires establishment and implementation in certain circumstances of model wildlife management plans for open space and farmland. Well intended, but imposes new requirement.	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	0
A-3127 Ciattarelli, Jack Simon, Donna	Permits municipalities to reject proposed off-track wagering facility; removes five-year tax exemption, abatement, or payment in-lieu-of taxes for off-track wagering facilities.	Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee	A
A-3143 Singleton, Troy	Limits local enforcing agency fees. Municipalities have different level of services therefore they charge different fees. The DCA fee does not represent the various level of municipal fees.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O

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A-3170 Wilson, Gilbert	Requires inspection for pest infestation prior to demolition.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	О
A-3198 Wilson, Gilbert Garcia, Carmelo	Municipalities have this option already. Requires candidates undergo drug testing prior to being placed on election ballot; provides for random drug testing of State and local holders of elective public office. Cost of testing and possible false positives could discourage participation.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	О
A-3199 Wilson, Gilbert	Increases from 50% to 60% of final compensation PFRS and SPRS active and retired death benefit for surviving spouses; makes any child up to age 22, now 18, eligible for death benefit. Not sustainable or financially prudent.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	О
A-3212 Coughlin, Craig	Establishes rights related to property appraisals following natural disasters. Blue Acres program already has an appeal process.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	О
A-3215 Diegnan, Patrick Jimenez, Angelica Riley, Celeste	Extends from 60 days to 120 days amount of time for municipality to refund excess property taxes paid following successful property assessment appeal.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-3231 Mosquera, Gabriela Lagana, Joseph A.	Authorizes certain law enforcement officers to administer opioid antidotes to overdose victims in an emergency, and extends immunity under Overdose Prevention Act to such officers.	Assembly Human Services Committee	A
A-3234 Chivukula, Upendra Schepisi, Holly	Establishes traffic law public awareness campaign.	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	A
S-762/A-3328 Sarlo, Paul A. Beck, Jennifer	Adds to property tax levy cap exclusions increases in flood insurance premiums.	Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading	A
S-1431/A-386 Rice, Ronald	Requires minimum level of police staffing based on municipal population and violent crime rate. Unfunded mandate.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	О
S-1923	Requires establishment of regulations for solar panel installation, maintenance, and education.	Senate Environment and	0

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Bucco, Anthony	Unnecessary; already in buildings and electrical code.	Energy Committee	
S-2001/A-3074 Vitale, Joseph	Establishes strategic road salt reserve fund and strategic road salt reserve within DOT. Disincentives municipal procurement of salt.	Senate Transportation Committee	О
S-2046 Rice, Ronald	Permits rehiring of certain law enforcement officers who were terminated for reasons of the economy. Disruptive to operations.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	О

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