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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2010:

Chapter 26

A-3010

6/30/2010

Increases certain civil service fees and requires a review of fees every 5 years.

Chapter 37

S-1813

7/2/2010

Reduces employer unemployment tax during fy 11.

A = Approved by the League

A* = Approved, with conditions, by the League

O = Opposed by the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p style="text-align: center;">A-108</p> <p>Biondi, Peter J. Handlin, Amy H.</p>	<p>Prohibits awarding of municipal professional services contracts to certain elected officials.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A-2638</p> <p>Holzapfel, James W. Wolfe, David W.</p>	<p>Requires municipalities to reimburse qualified private communities for street paving costs.</p> <p><i>Unfunded mandate.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A-2657</p> <p>Gusciora, Reed</p>	<p>The "Seaside Lodging and Rental District Act"; imposes tax on certain lodging properties for tourism promotion therein.</p> <p><i>This bill would require municipalities defined as resort municipalities to impose a 7% sales tax on lodging in which 5% would be remitted to the state and 2% to the municipality.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Tourism and the Arts Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A-2663</p> <p>Riley, Celeste M.</p>	<p>Requires correspondence or notice by public entity contain citations of any appropriate statutes, ordinances, or resolutions.</p> <p><i>Too cumbersome, could be burdensome in some instances.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A-2679</p> <p>Chivukula, Upendra J. Vainieri Huttle, Valerie</p>	<p>Provides dedicated line item on property tax bill for the support of municipal free public libraries and joint free public libraries.</p> <p><i>We support this legislation, however, we request that a provision be added to have the bill take effect the following tax year.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>A*</p>

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A-2716 DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.	Requires hiring preference for veterans in non-civil service jurisdictions. <i>Removes local discretion.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-2731 Johnson, Gordon M.	Permits various facilities dealing with dogs to provide municipal dog licenses, and municipal cat licenses where required, with municipal approval.	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	A
A-2762 Lampitt, Pamela R.	Permits levy cap exclusion for certain monies expended by local unit for shared services.	Assembly Appropriations Committee	A
A-2765 DeAngelo, Wayne P. Greenstein, Linda R.	Requires certain cable television companies to offer free Internet access to public libraries. <i>We support this legislative but would like the requirement placed on all internet providers such as FIOS, Direct TV.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A*
A-2769 Cryan, Joseph	Provides that subcontractors who furnish non-specialty trade work shall not be named in local public bid documents.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A*
A-2786 Greenwald, Louis D. Quijano, Annette Coutinho, Albert Coughlin, Craig J.	Permits local units to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements. <i>Agree with the bill on concept, however, the bill must be amended to require three quotes before the award of contract under a co-op.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A*
A-2799 Rumana, Scott T.	Limits copy fees for OPRA requests.	Assembly State Government Committee	A
A-2800 DiCicco, Domenick, Jr.	Makes part-time elected officials and commission and authority appointees ineligible for PERS, DCRP and health benefits; requires pension credit forfeiture if employed former personal services contractor falsely certifies position as full-time. <i>Removes discretion of governing body.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2844 Lampitt, Pamela R. Moriarty, Paul D. Greenstein, Linda R. Milam, Matthew W. Albano, Nelson T.	Requires DCA to post on its website the current adopted budget of any county or municipality that does not maintain its own website; also requires posting of three immediately preceding adopted budgets. <i>This bill will impose a new regulation in which DLGS does not have enough resources to manage.</i>	Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee	O
A-2852 Wisniewski, John S.	Revises requirement that library tax be assessed against equalized value of property. <i>While we thank the sponsor we believe it is essential that towns have more discretion in funding the library.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O

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S-463 Smith, Bob Buono, Barbara	Authorizes creation of local renewable energy collaboratives and central renewable energy generation systems, and provides for sale of renewable power generation. <i>Municipalities not under BPU jurisdiction should be given the same option.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A 8
S-708 Pennacchio, Joseph Codey, Richard J.	"Transparency in Government Act;" provides for establishment of State public finance website; requires certain public entities receiving State funds to establish similar website. <i>Too broad.</i>	Assembly Budget Committee	O
S-1656 Turner, Shirley K.	Enhances transparency in exercise of municipal redevelopment powers. <i>Unnecessary and too costly.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-1903 Beach, James	Permits service of beer and wine by certain restaurants.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A
S-1904 Beach, James Lesniak, Raymond J.	Removes plenary retail distribution license limit for certain stores.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A
S-1905 Beach, James	Permits municipalities to purchase and issue certain surplus retail alcoholic beverage licenses.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A
S-1906 Beach, James	Permits certain municipalities to purchase retail alcoholic beverage licenses regardless of population restrictions.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A
S-1911 Goodwin, Thomas	Prohibits awarding of municipal professional services contracts to members of Legislature.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-1914 Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr.	Streamlines process for State and local agency business permits related to economic development projects.	Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
S-1916 Lesniak, Raymond J.	Requires mail-in ballot postmarked before election day but received within seven days after closing of polls to be considered valid and counted. <i>We have concerns over the intensity of the process.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
S-1917 Gordon, Robert M.	Permits certain members of Junior Firemen's Auxiliaries to perform non-hazardous support duties at fire sites.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	A

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<p>S-2006</p> <p>Smith, Bob Bateman, Christopher</p>	<p>Prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from regulating solar panels under certain circumstances; limits fees for certain renewable energy installations.</p> <p><i>Unnecessary and an infringement on local planning.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>S-2024</p> <p>Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr.</p>	<p>Permits layoff plans as substitute for employment reconciliation plans for joint meetings or shared service agreements under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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