

# New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Bulletin

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**THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2011:**

**Chapter 52                      S-1392                      4/20/2011**

Requires State-administered pension systems to train employers on enrollment requirements; requires employers to certify validity of employee enrollment with acknowledgement of penalty for providing false information.

**Chapter 53                      S-1712                      4/20/2011**

Requires hospitals to report certain injuries to local and State police.

**Chapter 55                      S-2465                      4/20/2011**

Permits combination of voter petitions and application by municipal governing body for approval of Municipal Consolidation Study Commission by Local Finance Board.

**Chapter 56                      A-2032                      4/20/2011**

Permits certain members of Junior Firemen's Auxiliaries to perform non-hazardous support duties at fire sites.

**Chapter 65                      A-3272                      5/4/2011**

Requires State-administered pension systems to train employers on enrollment requirements; requires employers to certify validity of employee enrollment with acknowledgement of penalty for providing false information.

**Chapter 69                      S-2562                      5/9/2011**

Requires hospitals to report certain injuries to local and State police.

**Chapter 70                      S-1730                      5/17/2011**

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**Chapter 71                      S-2065                      5/17/2011**

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

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<b>A-2345/S-197</b>  McHose, Alison Littell	Repeals traffic control signal monitoring system pilot program.  <i>Participation in the program should remain a local option. It offers an efficient and economical option for stop light enforcement.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3460</b>  Dancer, Ronald S. Riley, Celeste M. McHose, Alison Littell	Permits agricultural tourism events to be conducted on preserved farmland.  <i>Permits "Agriculture Tourism" events on preserved farmland. Such events should only occur after municipal review and approval.</i>	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3532/S-2223</b>  Quijano, Annette	Establishes sexual assault training requirements for law enforcement officers.  <i>Unfunded Mandate.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3570/S-1339</b>  Albano, Nelson T. Milam, Matthew W.	Prohibits individual from holding simultaneously more than one elective public office.  <i>The voters should not be denied the right to elect to office the candidate of their choice.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3711</b>  Moriarty, Paul D. Fuentes, Angel	Prohibits certain local public employer continuation of pay programs.  <i>Exempts Police and Fire.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3760</b>  Gusciora, Reed	Guarantees each municipality, at a minimum, Fiscal Year 2010 distribution of energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Aid.	Assembly Budget Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3779</b>  Riley, Celeste M.	Provides municipalities with discretion to restrict hours for sale of package goods.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3874</b>  DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Exempts completed and under-construction buildings used or intended to be used in the work of non-profit hospital associations and corporations from taxation.  <i>Property should remain on tax rolls until the project is completed.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3901/S-2791</b>  McKeon, John F. Wagner, Connie	Establishes public-private alternative fueling station pilot program and requires DOT to conduct study.	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent	<b>A</b>

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DeAngelo, Wayne P.		Authorities Committee	
<b>A-3903/S-2790</b>  McKeon, John F. Wagner, Connie DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Establishes public-private pilot program for level 3 electric vehicle charging stations.	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3945</b>  Greenwald, Louis D.	Establishes procedures for awarding of design-build contracts.  <i>The project manager is the public owner.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3950</b>  Milam, Matthew W. Albano, Nelson T. Wagner, Connie	Establishes maximum fees for licensing and administration of raffles by Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and certain municipalities.  <i>Current system works well – no reason to change it.</i>	Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3954</b>  Tucker, Cleopatra G.	Establishes a 1,000 foot drug free zone around child care centers.  <i>Mapping requirements could be costly.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3963</b>  Handlin, Amy H.	Creates "Comprehensive Anti-Nepotism Act."  <i>This is already covered by the various ethics laws.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3979</b>  Stender, Linda Conaway, Herb, Jr.	Establishes pilot program to utilize value-based benefit design in SHBP to increase health benefits coverage for certain employees concerning chronic health conditions.  <i>If the pilot program expands statewide it would be very expensive for municipalities.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3981</b>  Cryan, Joseph Stender, Linda	Requires annual notice to local employers in PERS and PFRS include contribution rate and calculation for current year, preceding two years, and projection for subsequent two years.	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3998</b>  Polistina, Vincent J. Amodeo, John F.	Requires appointed or elected official receive annual salary of \$50,000 or more for position to participate in PERS or DCRP.	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4013/S-2809</b>  Milam, Matthew W.	Directs DOT to establish roadside accident memorial program.  <i>Could create drivers distractions.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4015/S-2847</b>  Milam, Matthew W.	Extends for two years expiration date of certain permits pursuant to "Permit Extension Act of 2008."	Assembly Housing and Local	<b>O</b>

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	<i>Unnecessary. The 2008 Act was sufficient.</i>	Government Committee	
<b>A-4029</b> Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Concerns use of emergency warning lights.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4064/S-2890</b> DeAngelo, Wayne P.	Exempts from real property taxation during construction any building, or portion thereof, to be used for a property tax-exempt purpose.  <i>Property should remain on tax roll until the project is completed.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4068</b> Wagner, Connie	Deems employee completion of required training in Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health program standard valid for other employers with same requirement.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4075</b> Riley, Celeste M. Burzichelli, John J.	Creates "Inmate Community Service Program" in DOC.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4076</b> Benson, Daniel R.	Authorizes issuance of special emergency notes to finance special emergency appropriations for payment of current year property assessment appeal refunds over three years.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-54</b> Cardinale, Gerald	Changes restrictions on certain county or municipal stream cleaning activities.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2169/A3935</b> Beach, James Singer, Robert W.	Authorizes prescribed burning in certain circumstances.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2396/A-3477</b> Vitale, Joseph F.	Authorizes creation of economic recovery districts; authorizes certain economic recovery district management corporations to issue bonds secured by incentive grants.	Senate Economic Growth Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2661/A-3718</b> Vitale, Joseph F. Whelan, Jim	Provides for transfer and sale of inactive liquor licenses for use in qualifying smart growth municipalities.  <i>Disparate financial impact for municipalities.</i>	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2827</b> Kean, Sean T.	Concerns eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits for certain seasonal employees.	Senate Labor Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2839/A-4077</b> Weinberg, Loretta	Extends "whistleblower" protections to employee disclosure of governmental mismanagement, waste and abuse.	Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading	<b>O</b>

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	<i>Fee shifting in CEPA is expensive and so would be any expansion in what it covers.</i>		
<b>S-2879</b> Rice, Ronald L.	Permits creation of local hire programs for public work contracts of political subdivisions.  <i>Very costly.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2915</b> Rice, Ronald L.	Requires every State and local elected official using agent to represent or undertake scheduling of appearances therefore to disclose information about such service.  <i>Imposes unnecessary and intrusive burden on public servants.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>O</b>

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West Windsor, NJ 08550

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**Presenters:**

- **Florence J. Sheppard**, Acting Director, NJ Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits

- **Marc H. Pfeiffer**, Deputy Director, NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services

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