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

Chapter 4 S-921 4/22/2010

Exempts solar panels from impervious surface or impervious coverage designation.

Chapter 7 A-602 5/5/2010

Authorizes any municipality outside Highlands Region to establish receiving zones for Highlands transfer of development rights program.

Chapter 9 S-82 5/5/2010

Modifies development applications process under the "Municipal Land Use Law".

Chapter 14 S-828 5/6/2010

Extends time period for renewal of lapsed alcoholic beverage retail license.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

| BILL NO. AND SPONSOR | BILL SUMMARY | CURRENT STATUS | LEAGUE POSITION |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">A-2160</p> <p>Munoz, Nancy F.</p> | <p>Increases and indexes maximum homestead property tax deduction under gross income tax.</p> | <p>Assembly Appropriations Committee</p> | A |
| <p style="text-align: center;">A-2370</p> <p>O'Scanlon, Declan J., Jr.</p> | <p>Repeals law requiring prevailing wage be paid to workers employed in construction undertaken with Board of Public Utilities financial assistance.</p> | <p>Assembly Labor Committee</p> | A |
| <p style="text-align: center;">A-2526</p> <p>Casagrande, Caroline</p> | <p>Requires posting on State and local government websites information concerning assignment and use of vehicles.</p> <p><i>Onerous unfunded mandate. Especially during a time of personnel cuts.</i></p> | <p>Assembly State Government Committee</p> | O |
| <p style="text-align: center;">A-2555</p> <p>DiMaio, John</p> | <p>Permits free municipal library funding to be based on actual requirements instead of fixed statutory tax rate.</p> | <p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p> | A |

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| A-2556 DiCicco, Domenick, Jr. | Prohibits dual elective office holding and holding of elective office and public office or position. <i>Limits the rights of the electorate.</i> | Assembly State Government Committee | O |
| A-2557 DiCicco, Domenick, Jr. | Makes various changes to "Uniform Recall Election Law." <i>Elections should have consequences and these changes appear arbitrary.</i> | Assembly State Government Committee | O |
| A-2579 Coughlin, Craig J. | Requires Division of Taxation to regularly provide certain information to municipalities concerning hotel occupancy taxes. <i>Bill also permits the municipality to charge 5% interest on unpaid occupancy taxes as well as place a municipal lien on the property.</i> | Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee | A |
| A-2582 Moriarty, Paul D. Albano, Nelson T. Burzichelli, John J. | Authorizes hiring preference for veterans in non-civil service jurisdictions. | Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee | A |
| A-2614 DiMaio, John | Repeals law allowing PERS member to retire with PERS pension and continue to receive salary for current PERS-covered elective office. <i>Elected officials would not be able to receive a salary for a position covered by PERS. Many retired residents may choose not to run as a result.</i> | Proposed for introduction | O |
| A-2619 O'Scanlon, Declan J., Jr. Bramnick, Jon M. | Revises process for the awarding of certain local public contracts. <i>We appreciate the sponsor's intent; however, the proposed bill could lead to legal challenges.</i> | Proposed for introduction | O |
| AR-57 Munoz, Nancy F. | Constitutes Assembly Budget Committee as special committee to investigate management of the "Special Municipal Aid Act" State aid program by DCA; grants committee subpoena power. <i>The bill has the potential to make it a very political process.</i> | Assembly Budget Committee | O |
| S-1466 Doherty, Michael J. | Provides one-third of motor vehicle fine moneys generated through State Police issued tickets go to municipality where violation occurred. | Senate Transportation Committee | A |
| S-1504 Van Drew, Jeff | Provides immunity to law enforcement officers who, in good faith, release driver in violation of provisional driver's license law. | Senate Law and Public Safety Committee | A |

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| <p>S-1595 Rice, Ronald L.</p> | <p>Requires mandatory audit of new voter registration records before an election and of absentee and provisional ballots after an election in randomly selected districts.</p> <p><i>Duplicates services already done by the Attorney General.</i></p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1596 Rice, Ronald L.</p> | <p>Requires excuse for voting by mail-in ballot.</p> <p><i>Adds an additional and unnecessary burden.</i></p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1655 Turner, Shirley K.</p> | <p>Changes date for election of fire commissioners from third Saturday in February to day of primary election.</p> <p><i>Would create voting problems since fire commissions are non partisan elections.</i></p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1647 Kean, Sean T.</p> | <p>Authorizes local law enforcement agencies to hire laid-off Department of the Army police officers without utilizing certain Civil Service lists.</p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>A</p> |
| <p>S-1661 Turner, Shirley K.</p> | <p>Requires candidates for school board member and local elective office to file financial disclosure statement on or before 10th day following deadline for filing nominating petitions for that office.</p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>A</p> |
| <p>S-1704 Turner, Shirley K.</p> | <p>Permits voter registration up to 14 days before election.</p> <p><i>Would place too high a burden on clerks to get voters rolls together in time.</i></p> | <p>Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1738 Stack, Brian P. Singer, Robert W.</p> | <p>Allows appointment of certain municipal officers and employees to municipal library board of trustees.</p> | <p>Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p> | <p>A</p> |

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| <p>S-1822 Stack, Brian P.</p> | <p>Subjects county and municipal sewerage authority service rate increases to approval by Board of Public Utilities.</p> <p><i>Oversight should be done by the governing body, not the BPU.</i></p> | <p>Senate Economic Growth Committee</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1876 Beach, James</p> | <p>Changes fire district election date from third Saturday in February to third Tuesday in April, the annual election day in type II school districts.</p> <p><i>Would create budgetary problems for fire districts.</i></p> | <p>Proposed for introduction</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1878 Rice, Ronald L.</p> | <p>Enhances disclosure and oversight of certain local unit salary actions.</p> <p><i>Would burden the entire State due to perceived issues in only a few towns.</i></p> | <p>Proposed for introduction</p> | <p>O</p> |
| <p>S-1888 Bateman, Christopher</p> | <p>Requires Director of Division of Local Government Services, in consultation with State Comptroller, to promulgate rules and regulations concerning best practices in public contracts.</p> <p><i>The best practices outline in the bill already exist in LPCL rules and regulations.</i></p> | <p>Proposed for introduction</p> | <p>O</p> |

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