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THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2012:

Chapter 10

S-1027

5/2/2012

Extends for 18 months application submission deadline to EDA for review and approval of certain construction projects involving public institutions of higher education.

A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
A-224/S-1860 Schaer, Gary S.	Increases membership of PFRS board of trustees from 11 to 13 members. <i>Current number works will - increasing membership makes the board to unwieldy.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-267/S-1406 Schroeder, Robert Wagner, Connie	Requires DEP and owners of reservoirs to implement certain flood control measures, and authorizes Office of Emergency Management to order lowering of reservoirs in response to severe weather events. <i>Concern over whether lowering reservoirs is a viable option for flood control.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-331 Dancer, Ronald S.	Provides State transportation aid incentive to support shared services agreements between municipalities and districts with efficient transportation systems for the provision of public school hazardous busing.	Assembly Education Committee	A
A-796 Munoz, Nancy F. Prieto, Vincent Giblin, Thomas P.	Concerns sale of cemetery, grave, monument and historical markers.	Senate Commerce Committee	A
A-798/S-1303 Munoz, Nancy F. Spencer, L. Grace	Revises penalties for animal cruelty, increasing degree of certain offenses; designated as Patrick's Law.	Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A
A-823 Cryan, Joseph Johnson, Gordon M. Diegnan, Patrick J. Rible, David P.	Replaces plenary winery and farm winery licenses with small winery and wine manufacturing licenses.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A

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A-1069 DeCroce, Alex Rumana, Scott T. DeCroce, BettyLou	Authorizes Office of Emergency Management to order lowering of reservoir levels prior to certain severe weather events. <i>Concern over whether lowering reservoirs is a viable option for flood control.</i>	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	O
A-1277/S-641 Coughlin, Craig J. Bramnick, Jon M. Diegnan, Patrick J. McHose, Alison Littell Bucco, Anthony M.	Increases production limitations and revises privileges of limited and restricted breweries.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A
A-1398 Wilson, Gilbert L. Fuentes, Angel	Provides for homestead property tax relief for senior homestead owners with certain gross income based on higher of homestead credit or local school property taxes on first \$60,000 of homestead value. <i>Another way to shift the tax base.</i>	Assembly Appropriations Committee	O
A-1464/S-463 Gusciora, Reed Wagner, Connie DiMaio, John	Creates Craft Distillery License to permit the manufacture of smaller amounts of distilled alcoholic beverages.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	A
A-1582 Wisniewski, John S. Prieto, Vincent	Requires owner of autocab to provide proof of financial responsibility. <i>Too onerous on small businesses; the requirement to have insurance is enough.</i>	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	O
A-1702 Russo, David C.	Prohibits contributions by certain entities doing business with State; limits amount of contributions by principals and officers of such entities. <i>There should be comprehensive reform.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2506 Prieto, Vincent	Prohibits electric public utilities from imposing charges for costs associated with light poles bearing solar panels placed by utility.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	A
A-2596/S-1829 Wisniewski, John S. Sumter, Shavonda E.	Removes requirement for one and two-family residences to be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
S-96/A-2217 Bateman, Christopher Scutari, Nicholas P.	Establishes civil penalty for certain unlawful conduct. <i>This would supercede local ordinance and allow the State to collect the fines.</i>	Senate Judiciary Committee	O

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S-302 Pennacchio, Joseph	"Transparency in Government Act;" provides for establishment of State public finance website; requires certain public entities receiving State funds to establish similar website; makes an appropriation. <i>Municipalities are currently making this information available on their website.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-624/A-1703 Kean, Thomas H., Jr.	Limits contributions by certain public contractors; limits contributions by county and municipal political party committees.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-911 Stack, Brian P. Oroho, Steven V. Whelan, Jim	Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise; increases total retail value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	A
S-1534/A-2586 Sarlo, Paul A. Singer, Robert W.	Equalizes standing of private and public colleges before land use agencies. <i>Unnecessary to provide special status to private colleges.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O

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