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

### **Chapter 18**

**S-2013**

**6/29/2012**

Appropriates \$31,741,467,000 in State funds and \$12,368,238,000 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

### **Chapter 19**

**S-1460**

**7/9/2012**

Requires deposit of property tax refunds for certain industrial sites under federal or State orders for remediation with Commissioner of Environmental protection to help ensure compliance.

### **Chapter 24**

**S-1925**

**7/23/2012**

Revises certain solar renewable energy programs and requirements; provides for aggregated net metering of electricity consumption related to properties owned by certain governmental bodies and school districts.

### **Chapter 25**

**S-1304**

**7/30/2012**

Prohibits State and local public contracts with persons or entities engaging in certain investment activities in energy or finance sectors of Iran.

### **Chapter 28**

**S-199**

**8/7/2012**

Prohibits first responders from photographing persons being assisted or disclosing photographs of such persons without their consent.

### **Chapter 31**

**S-872**

**8/7/2012**

Authorizes certain incinerator authorities to perform sanitation, public works, and environmental services.

### **Chapter 33**

**S-965**

**8/7/2012**

Extends hiring preference for certain civilian federal firefighters.

### **Chapter 47**

**A-1277**

**9/19/2012**

Revises privileges of limited and restricted breweries.

### **Chapter 48**

**A-1338**

**9/19/2012**

Extends expiration date of certain permits pursuant to the "Permit Extension Act of 2008."

### **Chapter 49**

**A-1400**

**9/19/2012**

Concerns adding names of certain veterans to certain civil service eligibility lists.

### **Chapter 55**

**A-2313**

**9/19/2012**

Clarifies requests for proposals of public entities implementing energy savings improvement program contracts.

### **Chapter 59**

**A-2741**

**9/19/2012**

Provides that subcontractors who furnish non-specialty trade work shall not be named in local public bid documents.

**A = Approved By the League**

**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p><b>A-863</b></p> <p>McHose, Alison Littell Rible, David P.</p>	<p>Requires law enforcement agency to issue retired law enforcement officer identification card to certain qualified retirees.</p> <p><i>Towns are responsible for producing new IDs with expensive requirements, but no funding in bill. Unfunded mandate.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-2935</b></p> <p>Casagrande, Caroline</p>	<p>Permits certain municipalities to issue additional plenary retail consumption licenses.</p>	<p>Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-2965/S-2043</b></p> <p>DeAngelo, Wayne P. Watson Coleman, Bonnie Gusciora, Reed</p>	<p>Subjects certain municipal and school property to property taxation.</p> <p><i>Concerned about the unintended consequences, especially with the water and sewer lines.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3038</b></p> <p>Conaway, Herb, Jr.</p>	<p>Requires public water utilities to provide customers notice in utility bills of request for increase in rates.</p>	<p>Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-3091</b></p> <p>Singleton, Troy Lampitt, Pamela R.</p>	<p>Requires workers employed in public certain works to have completed a registered apprenticeship program.</p> <p><i>Added expense to the contracting process.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Labor Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3096/S-2169</b></p> <p>Gusciora, Reed Bramnick, Jon M. Fuentes, Angel Conaway, Herb, Jr. Lampitt, Pamela R.</p>	<p>Establishes conditional dismissal program in municipal court; alters eligibility requirements and increases fees for existing conditional discharge and supervisory treatment programs.</p>	<p>Senate Committee, 2nd Reading</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-3148/S-2110</b></p> <p>Wolfe, David W. McGuckin, Gregory P.</p>	<p>Requires Director of Division of Taxation to include sales of properties in age-restricted developments by third parties in table of equalized valuations.</p> <p><i>Removes the discretion of the Tax Assessor &amp; Division of Taxation. Currently, Tax Assessors can request that these types of sales be added to the equalization process.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3160/S-2113</b></p> <p>DeAngelo, Wayne P. Benson, Daniel R.</p>	<p>Modifies tax levy apportionment methodology in certain school districts; restricts authority for certain municipalities to enter long-term tax exemption agreements.</p> <p><i>Will adversely impact the municipal budget.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Education Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>

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<b>A-3168</b> Coutinho, Albert	Permits counties to charge a fee to fund infrastructure through voter approval.  <i>Lack of controls, once approved.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3172</b> Stender, Linda Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr. Green, Jerry	Prohibits use of speed cameras in State.  <i>Speed cameras can be an effective deterrent to driving behavior that threatens the safety of others.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3190</b> Moriarty, Paul D.	Concerns appeal of assessment of parcel of income-producing real property.  <i>A judicial cure already exist to address the intent of A-3190.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3193</b> Brown, Chris A. Gove, DiAnne C.	Requires DOT to develop common design for signs that indicate historic site or district.  <i>Unnecessary; there will remain different standards for Federal, State, County and Local signs; signs are often customized to promote local business.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3198</b> Simon, Donna M.	Reduces number of rooms necessary for historic hotel to receive liquor license.	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3222/S-2162</b> Fuentes, Angel Wilson, Gilbert L. Riley, Celeste M. Sumter, Shavonda E. Wimberly, Benjie E.	Revises law concerning the purchase of scrap metal.	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	<b>A</b>
<b>S-1952/A-2996</b> Doherty, Michael J. Beck, Jennifer	Repeals traffic control signal monitoring system pilot program; prohibits future use of red light cameras in State.  <i>Red light cameras can be in effective deterrent to life threatening illegal behavior.</i>	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1956/A-2911</b> Holzapfel, James W.	Permits consolidation of all fire districts in a municipality; sets forth procedure for consolidation.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2114</b>	Eliminates duplication and redundancy in registration of certain apartments.	Senate Community and	<b>O</b>

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Van Drew, Jeff Oroho, Steven V.	<i>Infringes on local discretion; loss of revenue for municipalities.</i>	Urban Affairs Committee	
<b>S-2117</b>  Stack, Brian P. Cardinale, Gerald	Eliminates payments for unused sick leave earned after effective date; limits carry forward of unused vacation leave; requires suspension and forfeiture of certain payments; limits use of unused sick leave in year before retirement.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2133</b>  Stack, Brian P.	Requires the display of county or municipal vehicle abuse hotline bumper stickers on all county and municipal vehicles.  <i>Does not define "abuse" could encourage a flood of complaints.</i>	Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2165</b>  Bateman, Christopher Bucco, Anthony R.	Clarifies that first aid, ambulance or rescue squads, as entities, have immunity from civil damages in certain circumstances.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2167</b>  Turner, Shirley K.	Provides for permanent debarment from government contracting of any person who is convicted of certain crimes involving government contracts.  <i>Strongly support the intent of S-2167, however without sufficient resources to implement the provisions of the bill it will not work.</i>	Senate Committee, 2nd Reading	<b>O</b>