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Governor Whitman today signed the following legislation:

S-968, sponsored by Senators Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Weinberg (D-Bergen) and Zisa (D-Bergen), creates the new third-degree offense of endangering an injured victim.

S-1383, sponsored by Senators Bucco (R-Morris) and Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assembly Members Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Carroll (R-Morris), creates the Lake Hopatcong Commission and appropriates \$3 million.

S-572, sponsored by Senators Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) and Codey (D-Essex) and Assembly Member O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), permits simulated voting for minors at polling places.

S-454, sponsored by Senators Girgenti (D-Passaic) and Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Member Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), raises the maximum age for appointment for exempt firemen to age 45. Additionally, the bill removes the residency and citizenship requirements for qualification for an exempt fireman certificate.

A-1710, sponsored by Assembly Members Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) and Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Senators Bucco (R-Morris) and Girgenti (D-Passaic), makes a designated command structure a required element in municipal and county Emergency Operations Plans involving responses to mutual-aid fires.

A-2271, sponsored by Assembly Members Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Zecker (R-Essex/Passaic) and Senator Bennett (R-Monmouth), clarifies certain duties of the municipal prosecutor with respect to zoning and building code violations.