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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 194, *approved August 7, 2017*
Senate, No. 1808 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT designating the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the New
2 Jersey ¹**【saltwater fish】** State Saltwater Fish and redesignating
3 the brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) as the New Jersey State
4 Freshwater Fish, amending the title and body of P.L.1991,
5 c.342,¹ and supplementing chapter 9A of Title 52 of the Revised
6 Statutes.

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8 **WHEREAS**, The rich marine resources of this State offer a variety of
9 recreational opportunities for residents and visitors ¹**【**, support
10 an important commercial fishery,**】**¹ and provide the basis for
11 tourism, one of the State's most vital industries; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Included in these marine resources are striped bass,
13 which provide enjoyment for those interested in saltwater
14 fishing; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), also known as the
16 “striper” or “rockfish,” is easily identified by the dark horizontal
17 stripes across its silver body; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Striped bass can grow to lengths of more than 48 inches,
19 weigh over 50 pounds, and live up to 30 years; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Striped bass are native to the Atlantic coastline of North
21 America, ranging from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to the
22 St. Johns River in Florida; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The Hudson and Delaware Rivers are important bodies
24 of water for breeding stocks of striped bass; and

25 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s own Navesink River was used to seine the
26 striped bass that were transported to California by train,
27 allowing the successful introduction of the fish to the Pacific
28 coast in 1879; and

29 **WHEREAS**, The striped bass has always been an important
30 recreational ¹**【and commercial】**¹ fish and has helped control the
31 population of non-native gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*);
32 and

33 **WHEREAS**, In the early 1980s, overfishing significantly reduced the
34 population of striped bass, requiring strict management
35 measures — including the designation in 2007 of striped bass
36 as a protected game fish and a prohibition on the sale of striped
37 bass caught in certain federal waters — in order to return it to a
38 healthy population status; and

39 **WHEREAS**, In 1991, the State of New Jersey prohibited the sale in
40 the State of wild caught striped bass; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted January 9, 2017.

1 WHEREAS, Striped bass are now at sustainable population levels
2 and able to be enjoyed by many in this State; and

3 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of the recreational ¹[,
4 commercial,]¹ and environmental importance of this fish, it is
5 fitting and appropriate to designate the striped bass as the
6 official saltwater fish of the State of New Jersey; now,
7 therefore,
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9 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
10 of New Jersey:

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12 1. The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is designated as the
13 ¹[official saltwater fish of the State of]¹ New Jersey ¹State
14 Saltwater Fish¹.

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16 ¹2. The title of P.L.1991, c.342 is amended to read as follows:
17 **AN ACT** designating the brook trout as the New Jersey State
18 Freshwater Fish.¹
19 (cf: P.L.1991, c.342, title)
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21 ¹3. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.342 (C.52:9A-6) is amended to read
22 as follows:
23 1. The brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is designated as the
24 New Jersey State Freshwater Fish.¹
25 (cf: P.L.1991, c.342, s.1)
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27 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.
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33 Designates striped bass as NJ State Saltwater Fish; redesignates
brook trout as NJ State Freshwater Fish.

SENATE, No. 1808

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Designates striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as New Jersey saltwater fish.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/7/2016)

1 AN ACT designating the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the New
2 Jersey saltwater fish and supplementing chapter 9A of Title 52 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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5 WHEREAS, The rich marine resources of this State offer a variety of
6 recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, support an
7 important commercial fishery, and provide the basis for tourism,
8 one of the State's most vital industries; and

9 WHEREAS, Included in these marine resources are striped bass, which
10 provide enjoyment for those interested in saltwater fishing; and

11 WHEREAS, The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), also known as the
12 “striper” or “rockfish,” is easily identified by the dark horizontal
13 stripes across its silver body; and

14 WHEREAS, Striped bass can grow to lengths of more than 48 inches,
15 weigh over 50 pounds, and live up to 30 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Striped bass are native to the Atlantic coastline of North
17 America, ranging from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to the St.
18 Johns River in Florida; and

19 WHEREAS, The Hudson and Delaware Rivers are important bodies of
20 water for breeding stocks of striped bass; and

21 WHEREAS, New Jersey’s own Navesink River was used to seine the
22 striped bass that were transported to California by train, allowing
23 the successful introduction of the fish to the Pacific coast in 1879;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The striped bass has always been an important recreational
26 and commercial fish and has helped control the population of non-
27 native gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*); and

28 WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, overfishing significantly reduced the
29 population of striped bass, requiring strict management measures —
30 including the designation in 2007 of striped bass as a protected
31 game fish and a prohibition on the sale of striped bass caught in
32 certain federal waters — in order to return it to a healthy population
33 status; and

34 WHEREAS, In 1991, the State of New Jersey prohibited the sale in
35 the State of wild caught striped bass; and

36 WHEREAS, Striped bass are now at sustainable population levels and
37 able to be enjoyed by many in this State; and

38 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of the recreational, commercial, and
39 environmental importance of this fish, it is fitting and appropriate to
40 designate the striped bass as the official saltwater fish of the State
41 of New Jersey; now, therefore,

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43 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
44 of New Jersey:

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46 1. The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is designated as the
47 official saltwater fish of the State of New Jersey.

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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill designates the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the
7 official New Jersey saltwater fish in acknowledgement of the
8 recreational, commercial, and environmental importance of this
9 fish.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1808

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2017

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1808 with committee amendments.

This bill would designate the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the New Jersey State Saltwater Fish in acknowledgement of its recreational and environmental importance to the State. The bill, as amended, would also redesignate the brook trout as the New Jersey State Freshwater Fish. Under current law, the brook trout is designated as the “New Jersey State Fish.”

The committee amendments to the bill:

(1) remove from the bill references to the striped bass as a commercial fish; and

(2) revise current law to designate the brook trout as the New Jersey State Freshwater Fish instead of the New Jersey State Fish.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3342

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Designates striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as New Jersey saltwater fish.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A3342 DIEGNAN

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1 AN ACT designating the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the New
2 Jersey saltwater fish and supplementing chapter 9A of Title 52 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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5 WHEREAS, The rich marine resources of this State offer a variety of
6 recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, support an
7 important commercial fishery, and provide the basis for tourism,
8 one of the State's most vital industries; and

9 WHEREAS, Included in these marine resources are striped bass, which
10 provide enjoyment for those interested in saltwater fishing; and

11 WHEREAS, The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), also known as the
12 “striper” or “rockfish,” is easily identified by the dark horizontal
13 stripes across its silver body; and

14 WHEREAS, Striped bass can grow to lengths of more than 48 inches,
15 weigh over 50 pounds, and live up to 30 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Striped bass are native to the Atlantic coastline of North
17 America, ranging from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to the St.
18 Johns River in Florida; and

19 WHEREAS, The Hudson and Delaware Rivers are important bodies of
20 water for breeding stocks of striped bass; and

21 WHEREAS, New Jersey’s own Navesink River was used to seine the
22 striped bass that were transported to California by train, allowing
23 the successful introduction of the fish to the Pacific coast in 1879;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The striped bass has always been an important recreational
26 and commercial fish and has helped control the population of non-
27 native gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*); and

28 WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, overfishing significantly reduced the
29 population of striped bass, requiring strict management measures —
30 including the designation of striped bass as a protected game fish in
31 2007 and a prohibition on the sale of striped bass caught in certain
32 federal waters — in order to return it to a healthy population status;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Striped bass are now at sustainable population levels and
35 able to be enjoyed by many in this State; and

36 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of the recreational, commercial, and
37 environmental importance of this fish, it is fitting and appropriate to
38 designate the striped bass as the official saltwater fish of the State
39 of New Jersey; now, therefore,

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41 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
42 of New Jersey:

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44 1. The striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is designated as the
45 official saltwater fish of the State of New Jersey.

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill designates the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the official New Jersey saltwater fish.

The rich marine resources of this State offer a variety of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, support an important commercial fishery, and provide the basis for tourism, one of the State's most vital industries. Included in these marine resources are striped bass, which provide enjoyment for those interested in saltwater fishing.

The striped bass, also known as the “striper” or “rockfish,” is easily identified by the dark horizontal stripes across its silver body. Striped bass can grow to lengths of more than 48 inches, weigh over 50 pounds, and live up to 30 years. They are native to the Atlantic coastline of North America, ranging from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to the St. Johns River in Florida. The Hudson and Delaware Rivers are important bodies of water for breeding stocks of striped bass. Moreover, New Jersey’s own Navesink River was used to seine the striped bass that were transported to California by train, allowing the successful introduction of the fish to the Pacific coast in 1879.

The striped bass has always been an important recreational and commercial fish and has helped control the population of non-native gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*). In the early 1980s, overfishing significantly reduced its population, requiring strict management measures — including the designation of striped bass as a protected game fish in 2007 and a prohibition on the sale of striped bass caught in certain federal waters — in order to return it to a healthy population status. Striped bass are now at sustainable population levels and able to be enjoyed by many in this State.

In acknowledgement of the recreational, commercial, and environmental importance of this fish, it is fitting and appropriate to designate the striped bass as the official saltwater fish of the State of New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3342

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2016

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably, and with committee amendments, Assembly Bill No. 3342.

This bill, as amended, designates the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) as the New Jersey State Saltwater Fish and revises designation of the brook trout as the New Jersey State Freshwater Fish. Under current law, the brook trout is designated as the “New Jersey State Fish.”

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments revise current law to designate the brook trout as the New Jersey State Freshwater Fish instead of the New Jersey State Fish.

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Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

Monday, August 7, 2017

Tags: [Bill Action](#)

Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today announced that he has taken action on the following pending legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-169/A-4329 (Bateman/McKeon, Zwicker) - Allows certain emergency squad volunteers holding municipal elective office to vote on emergency squad concerns

S-452/A-838 (Sacco, Greenstein/Jimenez, Moriarty) - Requires waiver of dealer obligation regarding necessary repairs impacting vehicle inspection to include description of known defects

S-678/A-4967 (Rice/Watson, Tucker, Caputo) - Requires local government units to certify compliance with certain federal hiring requirements when filing annual budgets

S-726/A-4460 (Cruz-Perez, Oroho/Jones, Mosquera, Downey, Johnson) – Extends full protection of Law Against Discrimination to persons having liability for service in Armed Forces of United States; guarantees equal employment opportunity in State contracting to all veterans

S-996wGR/A-1378 (Rice, Van Drew, Turner/Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin, Quijano, Schaer) – Requires report on status of lead-safe program in DCA

S-1219/A-936 (Holzapfel, Allen/Wolfe, McGuckin, Oliver, Giblin, Wimberly) - Requires reporting of suspected abuse of institutionalized elderly to police and that facility employees receive notice of reporting requirement annually; designated as "Peggy's Law"

S-1359/A-4096 (A.R. Bucco, Stack/A.M. Bucco, Vainieri Huttie, McKnight, Mazzeo) - Guarantees full and equal access to all housing to disabled persons who retain their retired service or guide dog as a pet, and who also obtain a new service or guide dog

S-1497/A-3225 (A.R. Bucco, Pennacchio/Dancer, Clifton, Munoz, A.M. Bucco) - Designates Killed in Action flag as an official State flag; mandates it be displayed at certain public buildings

SCS for S-1640, 1642, 1013/AS AS ACS for A-3152, 3154, 2426 (Van Drew, Holzapfel, Singer, Turner/Andrzejczak, McGuckin, Land, Wolfe, Vainieri Huttie, Taliaferro, Benson) - Establishes requirements concerning necessary care of dogs, domestic companion animals, and service animals, and for tethering of dogs

S-1660/A-770 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling, DeAngelo, Johnson) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for maintenance of certain State memorials honoring war veterans

S-1731/A-2368 (Gordon, Allen/Vainieri Huttie) - Permits municipality to establish civil penalty for smoking in public places

S-1739/A-2167 (Turner, Diegnan/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly) - Establishes sexual assault training requirements for law enforcement officers

S-1750/A-2729 (Madden, Cruz-Perez/A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, Space, Mosquera, Wisniewski, DeCroce, Mukherji, Jones) - Establishes special motorcycle license plates for veterans

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S-1808/A-3342 (Van Drew, Diegnan/Karabinchak) - Designates striped bass as NJ State Saltwater Fish; redesignates brook trout as NJ Freshwater Fish

S-2153/A-3520 (Gordon/Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Vainieri Huttie, Johnson) – Requires NJTA to study impact of constructing rail stations at certain park and ride facilities

S-2369/A-4152 (Whelan, Van Drew, Connors/Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Land, Burzichelli) - Limits application of DEP shellfish habitat rules for certain dredging activities

S-2457/A-3999 (Van Drew, Oroho/Houghtaling, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Space, Downey) - Enables collection of voluntary contributions for Jersey Fresh Program through gross income tax returns

S-2578/A-4239 (Cunningham, Pou, Gordon/Sumter, Jasey, Benson, Muoio, Downey, Mukherji) - Revises New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program to require applicants first exhaust federal student loans, require income verification, and limit total student loan amounts

S-2884/A-4484 (Whelan, Greenstein/Eustace, Quijano, Chiaravalloti, Caride) - Declares that deed restrictions or agreements that prevent raising or constructing of a structure to certain flood elevation standards are unenforceable

S-2892/A-5042 (Sweeney/Giblin) - Exempts certain real estate brokers, broker-salespersons and salespersons from continuing education requirement

S-3074/A-4586 (Lesniak, Turner/Johnson, Oliver, Holley, Chiaravalloti) - Establishes gubernatorial veto power over Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor's meeting minutes; expands gubernatorial oversight powers over commission

S-3244/A-4854 (Sweeney, Allen/Singleton, Burzichelli, Taliaferro) - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 295 in West Deptford Township as "State Trooper Sean E. Cullen Memorial Highway"

A-445/S-1661 (Mazzeo, Pinkin, DeAngelo, Chiaravalloti/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for the NJ World War II Veterans' Memorial Fund

A-1185/S-2771 (Mosquera, Holley, Moriarty, Quijano/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew) - Requires State Comptroller to report findings of audit compliance reviews

A-1199/S-1326 (Mosquera, Moriarty, Lagana, Zwicker, Downey/Turner, Oroho) - Permits a victim or witness of any age to testify by closed circuit television under certain circumstances in prosecutions for domestic violence, sexual assault, and certain other crimes

ACS for A-1690/SCS SCS for S-660, 2002 (Dancer, Singleton, Andrzejczak, Land, Benson, Moriarty, Houghtaling/Turner, Beach, Van Drew) - Allows fire district elections to be moved to November; eliminates certain fire district budget referenda; and eliminates certain fire district capital purchase referenda

A-1953/S-2448 (Coughlin, Lagana, Muoio, Benson, Houghtaling, Danielsen, Mukherji/Vitale, Whelan) - Allows installment payments for senior and disabled property taxpayers to repay overpayments of homestead credits and homestead property tax reimbursements

A-1955/SCS for S-1795 (Jones, Lampitt, Phoebus, Space/A.R. Bucco, Oroho) - Provides for voluntary discharge of personal representatives overseeing administration of estates by application to the Surrogate's Court

A-2176/S-156 (Taliaferro, Eustace, Benson, Mazzeo, Chiaravalloti/Madden, Ruiz) - Criminalizes possession and sale of alpha-pyrrolidinopentophenone (alpha-PVP), commonly known as "flakka" or "flocka"

A-3056/SCS for S-2360, 3030 (Taliaferro, Dancer, Houghtaling, Space, Andrzejczak, Webber/Allen, Greenstein, Bateman, Smith, Wimberly) – Requires DEP to establish voluntary guidelines for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education to reduce, recover, and recycle food waste; extends "Food Bank Good Samaritan Act" immunity protections to public and nonpublic schools.

A-3058/S-2366 (Space, Taliaferro, Dancer, Houghtaling, Andrzejczak/Oroho, Ruiz) - Establishes Farm to School Coordinating Council

A-3381 (McKnight, Holley, Vainieri Huttie, Houghtaling, Chiaravalloti, Quijano, Gordon) – Authorizes municipal volunteer programs for free removal of snow from certain residential properties occupied by seniors or disabled persons.

A-3386/S-2711 (Schaer, Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, Caride, Mukherji, Wimberly/Vitale, Rice) - Provides protections for children under the age of 18 with developmental disabilities and individuals with developmental disabilities ages 18-21 receiving services from Division of Children's System of Care

A-3437/S-1076 (DeAngelo, Gusciora, Land, Andrzejczak/Turner) - Designates "Garden State" as State Slogan

A-3896/S-2790 (Sumter, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Scutari, Turner) - Concerns sale of certain tires

A-3908/S-3021 (Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Mukherji, Houghtaling, Quijano/Whelan, T. Kean) - Establishes 9/11 Memorial Registry

A-3911/S-2863 (Wisniewski, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji/Cardinale, Pennacchio) - Provides that motor vehicle registration expires on registrant's numerical calendar day of birth

A-4164/S-2588 (Houghtaling, Downey, Holley, Muoio, Webber/Van Drew, Cruz-Perez) - Requires State Auditor to annually report on unspent State account balances

A-4206/S-2676 (Karabinchak, Prieto, Webber, Holley/Diegnan, A.R. Bucco) - Requires candidates for election to school board to file with their nominating petitions specific affirmation that they have not been convicted of crimes that would disqualify them from office

A-4230/S-3141 (Conaway, O'Scanlon, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Codey) - Requires health insurance carriers; SHBP, and SEHBP to inform covered persons about organ and tissue donation

ACS for A-4432/SCS for S-2841 (Schaer, Lampitt, Benson, Singleton, Chiaravalloti, Wimberly/Cunningham) - Provides increased tax credit amounts under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program for certain businesses that have collaborative research relationships with colleges or universities

A-4542/S-2986 (Mazzeo, Johnson, Land, Andrzejczak, DeCroce/Van Drew) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 55 as "State Trooper Frankie L. Williams Memorial Highway"

A-4580/S-2989 (Taliaferro, Burzichelli, Quijano, Houghtaling/Lesniak, Oroho) - Appropriates \$2,900,000 from "2009 Farmland Preservation Fund" for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-4581/S-2987 (Houghtaling, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Oroho) - Appropriates \$22,385,743 to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-4582/S-2990 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Zwicker, Houghtaling/Whelan, Van Drew) - Appropriates \$32.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants

A-4584/S-2988 (Zwicker, Taliaferro, Burzichelli, Houghtaling/Sweeney) - Appropriates \$7,500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for planning incentive grants to municipalities for farmland preservation purposes

A-4630/S-1938 (Jones/Cruz-Perez) - Repeals law regulating charges assessed by a miller for grinding grain

A-4673/S-3095 (Houghtaling, Downey/Van Drew) - Concerns assessment of buildings or structures on real property located in certain counties following material depreciation thereof

A-4713/S-3235 (Burzichelli, Prieto, Gusciora, DeAngelo, Benson/Kyrillos, Whelan) - Designates building where NJEDA is located in memory of Caren Franzini to commemorate her outstanding service to State

A-4895/S-3056 (Egan, Sumter, Pinkin/Cunningham) - Eliminates UI exemption for interns employed by hospitals

BILL VETOED:

S-2214/A-3847 (Turner, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mukherji, Johnson, Eustace) - CONDITIONAL - Requires institutions of higher education and proprietary degree-granting institutions to improve transparency of tuition and fees

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