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ASSEMBLY, No. 1121

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/5/2020)

A1121 MURPHY, DANCER

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1 AN ACT concerning certain crimes and amending N.J.S.38A:14-5.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.38A:14-5 is amended to read as follows:

7 38A:14-5. Any person who knowingly, with intent to
8 impersonate and with intent to deceive, misrepresents oneself as a
9 member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized
10 militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized
11 for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed
12 Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and
13 regulations, shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

14 Any person who knowingly, with intent to impersonate and with
15 intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or
16 other tangible benefit, misrepresents oneself as a member or veteran
17 of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing
18 the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the
19 members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the
20 organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations, shall
21 be guilty of a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine
22 of \$1,000, if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible
23 benefit in an amount less than \$75,000; or a crime of the second
24 degree, if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible
25 benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more.

26 Any person who knowingly, with intent to deceive for the
27 purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit,
28 holds oneself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal
29 created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the
30 members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the
31 organized militia shall be guilty of a crime of the third degree,
32 subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, if the actor obtains money,
33 property or other tangible benefit in the amount less than \$75,000;
34 or a crime of the second degree, if the actor obtains money,
35 property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more.

36 Any monies collected pursuant to this section shall be forwarded
37 to the State Treasurer, and shall annually be appropriated to the
38 Military Dependents Scholarship Fund, as established pursuant to
39 P.L.2015, c.117 (C.18A:71B-98 et seq.), in the Higher Education
40 Student Assistance Authority. Until such time as the Military
41 Dependents Scholarship Fund is established, any monies collected
42 pursuant to this section shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer,
43 and deposited into the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness
44 Council Fund," as established, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2011,
45 c.117 (C.54A:9-25.29).

46 (cf: P.L.2015, c.118, s.1)

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.

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- 1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1121

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1121 (1R).

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under N.J.S.38A:14-5, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations (if the person impersonated and deceived for another purpose other than to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, then it is a crime of the fourth degree); or

2) with intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, holds oneself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia.

As amended, this bill would upgrade these crimes to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. If the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit less than \$75,000, then the crime would remain as a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000.

A crime of the second degree is punishable by up to five-10 years imprisonment, up to a \$150,000 fine, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by up to three-five years imprisonment, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both.

The bill also requires the deposit of penalties into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that upgrading the crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the

United States Armed Forces or organized militia from a crime of the third degree to a crime to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more would result in indeterminate caseload and expenditure increases, as the Department of Corrections (DOC) would have to house and care for more individuals sentenced to prison terms and the State Parole Board would have to supervise the return to society of additional convicts.

All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1121

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1121 with committee amendments.

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under N.J.S.38A:14-5, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations (if the person impersonated and deceived for another purpose other than to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, then it is a crime of the fourth degree); or

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As amended, this bill would upgrade these crimes to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. If the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit less than \$75,000, then the crime would remain as a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000.

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The bill also requires the deposit of penalties into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require the deposit of penalties directly into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1121

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2022

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1121 (1R).

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under N.J.S.38A:14-5, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

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(2) with intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, hold oneself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia.

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The bill also requires the deposit of penalties into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1871 (1R), which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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third degree to a crime to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more would result in indeterminate caseload and expenditure increases, as the Department of Corrections (DOC) would have to house and care for more individuals sentenced to prison terms and the State Parole Board would have to supervise the return to society of additional convicts.

All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1121 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2021

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.
- Type of Impact:** State expenditure and revenue increases.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections; State Parole Board.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

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- All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under current State law, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations (if the person impersonated and deceived for another purpose other than to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, then it is a crime of the fourth degree); or

2) with intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, holds oneself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia.

This bill would upgrade these crimes to a crime of the second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. If the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit less than \$75,000, then the crime would remain as a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000.

A crime of the second degree is punishable by a term of five to 10 years imprisonment, up to a \$150,000 fine, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of three to five years imprisonment, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both.

The bill also requires the deposit of penalties into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS projects that upgrading the crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia from a crime of the third degree to a crime to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more would result in indeterminate caseload and expenditure increases, as the DOC would have to house and care for more individuals sentenced to prison terms and the State Parole Board would have to supervise the return to society of additional convicts.

Under current law, misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia to obtain money, property or other tangible benefit is a crime of the third degree. A crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. There is a presumption of non-incarceration for first-time offenders of third and fourth degree crimes.

Under the bill, it is a second degree crime if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. A second degree crime is punishable by a term of five to ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both. There is no presumption of non-incarceration for a first-time offender for a second degree crime.

All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

Section: Judiciary

*Analyst: Sarita Welsh
 Senior Counsel*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 1871

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Testa

SYNOPSIS

Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2021)

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40 Student Assistance Authority. Until such time as the Military
41 Dependents Scholarship Fund is established, any monies collected
42 pursuant to this section shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer,
43 and deposited into the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness
44 Council Fund," as established, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2011,
45 c.117 (C.54A:9-25.29).

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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.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself
7 as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or
8 organized militia.

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1871

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1871.

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under N.J.S.38A:14-5, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations (if the person impersonated and deceived for another purpose other than to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, then it is a crime of the fourth degree); or

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1871

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2022

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1871, with committee amendments.

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under N.J.S.38A:14-5, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

(1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia; or

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A crime of the second degree is punishable by up to five-10 years imprisonment, up to a \$150,000 fine, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by up to three-five years imprisonment, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both.

The bill also requires the deposit of penalties into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1121 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require the deposit of penalties directly into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that upgrading the crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia from a crime of the third degree to a crime to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more would result in indeterminate caseload and expenditure increases, as the Department of Corrections (DOC) would have to house and care for more individuals sentenced to prison terms and the State Parole Board would have to supervise the return to society of additional convicts.

All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 1871
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 30, 2021

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.

Type of Impact: State expenditure and revenue increases.

Agencies Affected: Department of Corrections; State Parole Board.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

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- All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The bill would upgrade certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia.

Under current State law, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly:

1) with intent to impersonate and to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed

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This bill would upgrade these crimes to a crime of the second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. If the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit less than \$75,000, then the crime would remain as a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Under the bill, it is a crime of the second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. A crime of the second degree is punishable by a term of five to ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both. There is no presumption of non-incarceration for a first-time offender for a second degree crime.

All fines collected under the bill would be deposited into the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The State's ability to collect criminal fines and penalties has historically been limited, however.

Section: Judiciary

*Analyst: Anuja Pande Joshi
Associate Research Analyst*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Supporting Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed several pieces of legislation (A-259, A-1121, A-5694, and A-6012) which support and protect New Jersey’s veteran and armed forces communities. These bills will expand civil service preference for veterans, upgrade penalties for misrepresentation of members of the armed forces, ease public school access for dependents of armed forces members, and provide funding to support the commissioning of the new USS New Jersey.

“Our veterans and members of the armed forces have selflessly dedicated their careers and their lives to serving our country and our state,” **said Governor Murphy**. “The legislation I am signing today will benefit these brave New Jerseyans and their families. Today, and every day, we are grateful for the sacrifices made by New Jersey’s veterans and reserve and active-duty soldiers, and we will continue to support them in every way we can.”

“These bills expand support for families planning military moves to New Jersey, as well as veterans aspiring to the civil service,” **said Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Commissioner Brig. Gen. Lisa Hou, D.O.** “A1121 toughens the stance against veteran status fraud, which is disrespectful to the more than 325,000 proud veterans of our great state. Finally, I hope all residents will share in excitement for the commissioning of the USS New Jersey this year.”

Primary sponsors of A-259 include Assemblymembers Wayne DeAngelo, Raj Mukherji, and Daniel Benson, and Senators Vin Gopal, and Joseph Pennacchio.

“Generally, we pay tribute to our veterans on Veterans Day, or some other patriotic holiday. Yet we should be paying tribute to our veterans as well as to our active duty military members all the time, in thanks for their service, sacrifice and commitment to keeping our country strong and safe,” **said Senator Vin Gopal**. “With the signing of these bills, we continue to recognize the service of members of the military and support them and their families, by focusing on education, and allowing them to pursue their dreams under what can sometimes be difficult school transitions and relocations. We should could continue to honor their sacrifice for the institutions this nation holds dear.”

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“Veterans who participated in a military campaign for which a medal has been designated or supported combat operations without direct presence in the actual theater of war should not be denied civil service preference for their faithful service to our country,” **said Assemblymembers Wayne DeAngelo, Raj Mukherji, and Dan Benson, in a joint statement**. “This legislation will address an unnecessary distinction to assist certain service members in their quest for civilian employment.”

This legislation provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in a theater of operation, but did serve during a war or conflict for which the federal government authorized a campaign or expedition medal.

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“Current and former members of our military have protected and served our country to earn their much-deserved benefits,” **said Assemblymembers Carol Murphy and Sterley Stanley in a joint statement**. “Those who unjustly misrepresent themselves as US veterans, through ‘stolen valor’ to take advantage of our system deserve a harsh penalty. This measure will ensure that those who break the law and impersonate a war hero receive the proper and upgraded punishment.”

“No one should get a mere slap on the wrist for putting on the uniform to defraud someone,” **said Assemblyman Ron Dancer**. “As a veteran myself, I find it abhorrent that anyone would deceive others for gain by impersonating our proud men and women who sacrificially serve our country. It’s my goal that these tougher penalties will deter would-be frauds.”

“Impersonating a member of our volunteer military or a veteran who has faithfully served this country and helped to protect the freedoms and institutions we hold dear is a shameful act, and one that should bring the highest possible penalty within reason,” **said Senator Joseph Lagana**. “With this law we hope to curtail this cynical activity, and make the punishment for this deceit better fit the crime.”

“It is inspiring to see veterans who honorably served our nation return home and continue serving their community. Unfortunately, there are scammers who portray veterans to claim benefits reserved for those who truly served,” **said Senator Joe Pennacchio**. “This new law increases punishment and helps discourage this despicable behavior.”

This legislation upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia. Under current law, it is a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, for any person to knowingly, with the intent to impersonate or deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit, to misrepresent oneself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia or a recipient of any decoration or medal created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia. Under this legislation, these crimes have now been upgraded to a second degree if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more. If the actor obtains money, property or other tangible benefit less than \$75,000, then the crime would remain as a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000.

Primary sponsors of A-5694 include Assemblyman Ronald Dancer, and Senators Vin Gopal, and Fred Madden. Former Assemblymembers Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downey were primary sponsors of this legislation in the prior legislative session.

“It’s a stressful time for families when they receive relocation orders,” **said Assemblyman Ron Dancer**. “Military families already face so many challenges, and the children of those moms and dads in our armed forces face additional difficulties moving to a new school district where everything is unfamiliar. Allowing these students to walk into that new school knowing who their teachers are, and what classes they will be attending, can offer peace of mind to them and their parents.”

“Our military families undergo a great deal of stress when they receive relocation orders, and strict school registration requirements only add to their burden,” **said Assembly sponsors Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downey**. “Not allowing service members to enroll their children in their anticipated school district until they physically move puts those children at risk of missing important deadlines, which can have

serious repercussions such as summer school or delayed graduation.

This legislation permits the dependents of a military member to enroll in a public school district in advance of the military member's relocation to the district. Under current law, such dependents cannot enroll in the district until proof of residence can be provided. This legislation allows enrollment upon the presentation of a copy of the military member's relocation orders even if the family has not yet physically relocated to the school district. Once enrolled, the child shall be permitted to attend classes and receive services free of charge in the same manner as if they were already a resident of the school district.

Primary sponsors of A-6012 include Assemblymembers William Moen, Carol Murphy, and Roy Freiman, and Senators Paul Sarlo, and Vin Gopal.

"This appropriation to support the commissioning of the USS New Jersey and the officers and crew assigned to the boat is the right thing to do," **said Assemblymembers Bill Moen, Carol Murphy, and Roy Freiman, in a joint statement.** "A ship's commissioning is an historic event that brings together our military, veterans, and local community with significant economic benefits for the surrounding region. We're proud that the Battleship New Jersey is now a museum and memorial moored on the Camden City Waterfront. We will continue to do everything possible to honor our veterans and their families"

This legislation appropriates up to \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee. The purpose of the appropriation is to support the commissioning of the USS New Jersey and the officers and crew assigned to the ship. Contributions to the USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee support traditional Commissioning Week activities, visits to the state by crewmembers, and habitability upgrades to the boat for the crew. Expenditure of the amount appropriated is subject to approval by the Adjutant General of an itemized plan for the expenditure to be submitted by the USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee. Any amount unexpended shall be donated for the support of personnel and their families and for the funding of existing or the creation of new United States Navy scholarship programs.

"First, I would like to take a moment to applaud the Governor and state legislatures for acknowledging the sacrifices made by veterans and those who are currently serving," **said Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New Jersey Commander Luddie H. Austin.** "As veteran and resident of our great state I am thankful for the Governor in recognizing our heroes in the workforce and society, as he seeks to enhance the benefits and entitlements of veterans. I look forward to our healthy relationship as we continue to advocate on behalf of all veterans."

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars is grateful for the passage and signing of this legislation which will greatly enhance employment opportunities for veterans and ensure the children of our military service members receive an uninterrupted education," **said Veterans of Foreign Wars State Adjutant and Quartermaster Ken Hagemann.** "The VFW has advocated for decades that a vet is a vet regardless of era or conflict. We are pleased that these arbitrary barriers are finally coming down for state benefits and that all veterans are now becoming equally entitled to those benefits. We look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to make New Jersey a place where veterans will want to live and thrive."

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed the following bills:

S-384/A-1964 (Weinberg, Singleton/Stanley, Munoz, McKeon, Sumter, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly, Mosquera, Downey, Chiaravalloti) – Expands training for judges, law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases

S-386/A-1763 (Weinberg, Singleton/Munoz, Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Mosquera, Lampitt, Benson) - Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors

S-396/A-4903 (Weinberg, Addiego/Johnson, Mukherji) – Adjusts statute of limitations on damage claim for construction defect in common interest communities

S-705/A-1077 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening

SCS for S-844 and 2533/ACS for A-4635 (Pou, Greenstein/Zwicker, Lopez) – Revises reporting requirements for charitable organizations and non-profit corporations

S-867/A-2316 (Pou/Jimenez, Giblin, Johnson) – Permits physical therapists to perform dry needling under certain circumstances

S-896/A-2396 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Timberlake, Murphy) – Expands Office of Public Defender representation of juveniles; repeals section 4 of P.L.1968, c.371

S-969WGR/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – Establishes loan redemption program for certain teachers to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain schools; makes annual appropriation of \$1 million

S-994/A-6248 (Sweeney, Singleton/Lopez) – Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency

SCS for S-1016/ACS for A-2070 (Smith, Bateman/Calabrese, Mukherji, Benson) – Restricts use of neonicotinoid pesticides

S-1020/AS for ACS for A-1184 and 4414 (Ruiz, Gopal/Zwicker, Conaway, Verrelli, Caputo) – Requires School Report Card to include demographic breakdown of students who receive disciplinary actions; requires Commissioner of Education to establish Statewide database concerning certain disciplinary actions

S-1559/A-1659 (Scutari, Diegnan/Quijano, Bramnick, Mukherji, Sumter, Downey, Dancer) – “New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act”

S-1771/A-1489 (Madden, Turner/Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle) – Expressly prohibits invasive examination of unconscious patient by health care practitioner without patient’s prior informed written consent

S-2160wGR/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey) – Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

SCS for S-2515/ACS for A-4676 (Smith, Greenstein/Quijano, Jasey, McKeon) – Establishes postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags; prohibits sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging

S-2723/A-2614 (Sweeney, Turner/Murphy, Benson, Timberlake) – “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act”

S-2830/A-5291 (Ruiz, Singleton/Quijano) – Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs

S-2835/A-5292 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) – Requires compilation of data and issuance of annual reports on New Jersey teacher workforce

S-2921/A-5554 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji) – Allows municipalities to designate outdoor areas upon which people may consume alcoholic beverages

S-3009/A-4847 (Vitale, Gopal, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Verrelli) – Authorizes expanded provision of harm reduction services to distribute sterile syringes and provide certain support services to persons who use drugs intravenously

S-3081/A-5219 (Singleton/McKeon, Dunn) – Repeals law concerning excess rates and charges for title insurance; makes agreement to use services of title or settlement service company subject to attorney review

S-3164/A-4987 (Gopal, Singleton/Houghtaling, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin) – Creates NJ Legislative Youth Council

S-3265/A-5074 (Diegnan, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Dancer, Mukherji) – Permits members of SPRS to purchase service credit for prior public employment with federal government or another state

S-3342/A-5463 (Codey, Singleton/Jasey, Giblin, Timberlake) – Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph; appropriates \$90,000

S-3465/A-4336 (Oroho, Sweeney/Houghtaling, Space) – Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000

S-3488wGR/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

S-3493/A-5458 (Vitale, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, McKnight) – Permits expungement of possession or distribution of hypodermic syringe or needle offense in cases of previous expungement; repeals criminal offense of possession of syringe

S-3539/A5409 (T. Kean, Gopal/Houghtaling) – Directs DEP to establish grant program for local governments to support development of community gardens

S-3594/A-5509 (Singleton, Scutari/Zwicker, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli) – Provides that in personal

injury or wrongful death lawsuits, calculations of lost or impaired earnings capacity not be reduced because of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation

S-3672/A-6009 (Singleton, Turner, Moen, Johnson, McKnight) – Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers, sheriff's officers, and State and county correctional police officers; permits hiring or appointment of such officers under certain conditions, and makes appropriation

S-3673/A-6219 (Gopal, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Authorizes limited breweries and craft distilleries to sell at retail and offer for sampling purposes product bottled and stored off-site under certain circumstances

S-3685/A-5576 (Ruiz, Codey/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji) – Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years

S-3707/A-5673 (Vitale, Ruiz/Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Zwicker) – Repeals statute criminalizing sexual penetration while infected with venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances; requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, name of defendant and other person be kept confidential

S-3764/A-3369 (Gopal, Weinberg/Johnson, Stanley, Karabinchak) – Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE

S-3810/ACS for A-5862 (Sweeney, Addiego, Greenstein/Benson, Quijano) – “Responsible Collective Negotiations Act”

S-3968/A-5930 (Singleton, Beach/Sumter, Karabinchak) – Increases purchasing threshold permitting Director of Division of Purchase and Property to delegate authority to agencies; increases bid advertising threshold on certain contracts by same scale

S-3975/A-5963 (Greenstein, Oroho/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo) – Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign

S-4004wGR/A-5950 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Sumter, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices

S-4020/A-5867 (Gopal, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Jasey, Carter) – Expands bonding authority of New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to permit financing for general funding needs at New Jersey's institutions of higher education

S-4021/A-6100 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Jasey, Timberlake, Stanley) – Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies

S-4043/A-6005 (Cunningham/Jasey, Greenwald) – Raises statutory threshold for certain public bidding, permits bidder disqualification due to prior negative experience, adds exemptions to public bidding requirement under "State College Contracts Law," and establishes process for cooperative pricing system

S-4063/A-6220 (Sweeney/Giblin, Egan) – Removes New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission from appropriations act provision that limits compensation and health benefits; clarifies PERS and SHBP eligibility for members of commission

S-4068/ACS for A-6110 and 6185 (Sarlo, Oroho/Benson, Mukherji, Bramnick) – Revises elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax

S-4074wGR/A-6000 (Ruiz, Beach/Verrelli, Lampitt, Carter) – Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification

SCS for S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4128/A-6231 (Sweeney, Pou/Houghtaling, Conaway, Dancer) – Requires that only fruits and vegetables grown and packaged in NJ may be labeled by food retailers as local to State

S-4207/A-6119 (Sweeney, Beach/Mukherji, Egan, Pintor Marin) – Concerns apprenticeship programs of public works contractors

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million

S-4218/A-6256 (Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mukherji) – Appropriates \$2 million to CRDA to support costs associated with hosting NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City

S-4233/A-6229 (Scutari, Gopal/Mukherji, Jimenez) – Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records

S-4252/A-6182 (Madden/Murphy, Chaparro) – Limits extension of mandatory retirement to 90 days from State Police Retirement System during emergencies

A-259/S-2224 (DeAngelo, Mukherji, Benson/Gopal, Pennacchio) – Provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or expedition medal

A-798/S-52 (Verrelli, Vainieri Huttel, Armato/Singer, Greenstein) – Establishes local drug overdose fatality review teams

A-802/S-1352 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy/Turner, Pou) – Requires certain retailers to train employees on gift card fraud

A-862wGR/S-962 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak/Pennacchio, Pou) – Permits municipalities to refund excess property taxes paid by a taxpayer who wins an assessment appeal as a property tax credit

A-953/S-4031 (Karabinchak, Houghtaling/Pou) – Requires architects disclose insurance coverage

ACS for A-998 and 2349/S-4312 (Moen, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Vainieri Huttel/Ruiz, Beach, Singleton) – The “New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

A-1121/S-1871 (Murphy, Dancer, Stanley/Lagana, Pennacchio) – Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia

A-1219wGR/S-1054 (Chaparro, McKnight/Stack) – Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol prior to testing of owner’s animal for rabies

A-1229wGR/S-2161 (Schaer, Mosquera, Tucker, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Wimberly, Pintor Marin, Jasey/Turner, Singleton) – Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention programs and services available on its Internet website

A-1293/S-3977 (Greenwald, Burzichelli, Mukherji/Greenstein, Gopal) – Establishes advisory council for the brewery, cidery, meadery, and distillery industries in NJ and provides for funding through certain alcoholic beverage tax receipts

A-1663/S-1842 (Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Karabinchak/Cryan, Scutari) – Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program”

A-2186/S-1599 (Mukherji, Chaparro, McKnight/Codey, Pou) – Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the homeless

A-2360/S-3285 (Chaparro, Karabinchak, Johnson/Greenstein, Stack) – Requires electric public utility to charge residential rate for service used by residential customer for electric vehicle charging at charging stations within certain designated parking spaces

A-2685wGR/S-4209 (Armato, Mazzeo, Mukherji/Stack) – Concerns information on property condition disclosure statement

A-2772/S-1040 (Downey, Houghtaling, Benson/Gopal) – Authorizes certain Medicaid recipients residing on post-secondary school campus to participate remotely in meetings of non-medical nature regarding Medicaid benefits

A-2877/S-1149 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson/Ruiz) – Requires registration of certain vacant and abandoned properties with municipalities and provides enforcement tools related to maintenance of these properties

A-3007/S-3127 (Lampitt, Dunn, Benson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services

A-3392/S-1219 (Reynolds-Jackson, Timberlake, Jasey/Turner, Beach) – Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12

A-3804/S-1590 (Armato, Murphy, S. Kean/Beach, A.M. Bucco) – Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers

A-3870/S-2807 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Pou) – “Defense Against Porch Pirates Act”; amends theft statute

A-3950wGR/S-3180 (Verrelli, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Turner) – Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances

A-4002wGR/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo) – Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

A-4232/S-4231 (Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Smith) – Creates program in Department of Agriculture for deer fencing on certain farmland

A-4238/S-2561 (Chiaravalloti, Schaer, Benson/Gopal, Singer) – Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for adult medical day care services

A-4241/S-2894 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Murphy/Pou) – Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience

ACS for A-4253/S-3233 (Conaway, Pinkin, Jimenez/Cryan) – Requires certain electronic medical programs to include demographic data entry feature; requires laboratories to record certain patients' demographic information; requires certain hospitals and laboratories to implement cultural competency training program

A-4366/S-2801 (Taliaferro, Sumter, Mukherji/Pou, Greenstein) – Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder

A-4434wGR/S-2716 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Mukherji/Beach, Ruiz) – Establishes Student Wellness Grant Program in DOE

A-4478/S2759 (Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Schepisi, DeCroce/Vitale, Madden) – Establishes additional requirements for DOH to assess sanctions and impose penalties on nursing homes; revises reporting requirements for nursing homes

A-4569/S-3535 (Reynolds-Jackson, Benson, Karabinchak/Turner) – Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints

ACS for A-4655/S-3595 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Carter/Turner) – Limits police presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box

A-4771/S-2951 (Downey, Armato, Mukherji/Gopal, Singleton) – Expands offenses eligible for expungement upon successful discharge from drug court

A-4856/S-3094 (Lampitt, Benson, Caputo/Ruiz, Beach) – Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, renaissance schools, and the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf to be accessible to persons with disabilities

A-5033wGR/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

ACS for A-5075wGR/S-4001 (Burzichelli, Dancer, Johnson/Sweeney, A.M. Bucco) – Removes Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial from auspices of DEP and establishes museum as independent organization; makes \$200,000 supplemental appropriation

A-5160/S-3324 (DeAngelo, Conaway, Zwicker/Smith, Bateman) – Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, offered for sale, or leased in the State

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities

A-5322/S-3433 (Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, T. Kean) – Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA

records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttie/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers

A-5439/S-3760 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Beach) – Changes deadline for New Jersey Racing Commission's annual report from end of calendar year to end of State fiscal year

A-5694/S-3783 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Madden) – Permits dependents of military member to enroll in school district in advance of military member's relocation to district

A-5814/S-3851 (Swain, Tully, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Creates Office of School Bus Safety in Department of Education; appropriates \$200,000

A-5864wGR/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

A-5997/S-4084 (Coughlin, Lopez/Sweeney, O'Scanlon) – Removes requirement for Legislature, DOE, free public libraries, and historical societies to purchase "Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey"

A-6012/S-4076 (Moen, Murphy, Freiman/Sarlo, Gopal) – Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel

A-6020/S-4114 (Conaway, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie/Codey) – Establishes requirements for certain tobacco product retailers to stock and sell nicotine replacement therapy products

A-6060/S-4272 (Tucker, Caputo, Mukherji/Cunningham) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$8 million to DHS to increase reimbursement for funeral, burial, and crematory services provided to certain beneficiaries of Work First New Jersey and Supplemental Security Income programs

A-6073/S-4140 (Verrelli/Vitale) – Temporarily waives certain basic life support services crewmember requirements

A-6093/S-4201 (Stanley, Benson, Timberlake/Greenstein, Gopal) – Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP

A-6108wGR/S-4247 (DeAngelo, Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Updates licenses offered by and certain licensure requirements from Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

A-6132/S-4235 (Schaer, Greenwald, Conaway/Singer, Gopal) – Permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units

A-6133/S-4251 (Bramnick, Mukherji, Downey/Scutari) – Allows certain persons not yet appointed as administrator of estate to pursue lawsuit for damages for wrongful death on behalf of deceased's survivors

A-6150/S-4119 (DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Wirths/Oroho, Pou) – Revises penalties for transfer of certain professional and occupational licenses

A-6159/S-4236 (Coughlin, McKnight/Vitale, Ruiz) – Revises and renames Office of Food Insecurity Advocate

A-6162/S-4246 (Benson, Stanley/Gopal) – Requires certain motor vehicle dealers to maintain certain

requirements for business premises

A-6205/S-4270 (Coughlin, McKeon/Pou) – Amends certain requirements concerning insurance holding companies

A-6206wGR/S-4260 (Wimberly/Diegnan, Oroho) – Codifies right of real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons to define relationship with broker as one between broker and independent contractor or employee and enforces current and previous written agreements addressing relationship

A-6207/S-4222 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson/Sweeney) – Eliminates requirement for DOE to set certain tuition rates for approved private schools for students with disabilities in certain cases

A-6208/S-4151 (Mosquera, DeAngelo, Armato/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez) – Appropriates \$60,940,361 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-6209/S-4154 (Freiman, Spearman, Egan/Turner, Oroho) – Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6210/S-4150 (Taliaferro, Moriarty, Burzichelli/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6211/S-4149 (Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$440,240 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-6212/S-4148 (Jimenez, Swain, Timberlake/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-6213/S-4155 (Kennedy, Carter, Tully/Bateman, Smith) – Appropriates \$49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-6214/S-4153 (Danielsen, Zwicker, Conaway/Greenstein, Smith) – Appropriates \$80,539,578 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

A-6215/S-4152 (Stanley, Murphy, Jasey/Smith, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$14,687,510 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

A-6246/S-4295 (Karabinchak/Sweeney) – Concerns changes in control of hotels and disruptions of hotel services

A-6257/S-4311 (McKnight/Sweeney, Singleton) – Imposes surcharge on casino hotel occupancies to fund public safety services

A-6262/S-4314 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Permits PERS retiree to return to employment in NJ Legislature after retirement under certain circumstances

A-6263/S-4315 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Appropriates \$2 million to Legislative Services Commission

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-73/A-4580 (Bateman, Sarlo/Zwicker, Thomson, McKnight) – Establishes requirements for sale of cottage food products

S-995/A-6172 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Downey, McKnight) – Requires DOLWD and DHS to conduct assessment of community rehabilitation programs and community businesses

S-1934/A-1158 (Sweeney, Pou, Cryan/Freiman, Lopez, Murphy) – Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies

S-2679/A-1979 (Beach, Smith/Stanley, Lopez, Kennedy) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

S-2768/A-4664 (Singleton, Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Sumter) – Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process

S-3458/A-6245 (Lagana, Gopal/Coughlin, Jimenez, Mukherji) – Revises out-of-network arbitration process

S-3529/A-5442 (Addiego, Diegnan/DeAngelo, Dancer, Dunn) – Clarifies that member of SPRS may receive accidental disability benefit under certain circumstances

S-3715/A-5804 (Cryan/Quijano, Mukherji) – Modifies certain definitions related to transient accommodation taxes and fees

S-4189/A-6112 (Vitale, Cruz-Perez/Lopez) – Permits PERS retiree to return to elective public office after retirement under certain circumstances

A-1073/S-3432 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) – Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia

A-1269/S-3490 (Greenwald, Giblin, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Beach) – Eliminates one percent tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of \$1 million

A-4958/S-3740 (Tully, Armato, Zwicker/Lagana, Oroho) – Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations

A-5334/S-3442 (Lopez, Mazzeo, Stanley/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities

A-5484/S-3817 (Dancer, Caputo, Houghtaling/Lagana) – Requires New Jersey Racing Commission to adopt procedures to enforce internal controls; requires annual audit

A-6033/S-4194 (Bramnick/Sweeney, T. Kean) – Classifies golf caddies as independent contractors for purposes of State employment laws

A-6157/S-4202 (Speight, Moen/Ruiz, Beach) – Prohibits circumventing intergovernmental transfer process for law enforcement officers in certain circumstances

