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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 435, *approved January 18, 2022*  
Assembly, No. 1121 (*First Reprint*)

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 <sup>1</sup>**[annually be appropriated to]** be  
38 deposited into<sup>1</sup> the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund, as  
39 established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.117 (C.18A:71B-98 et seq.), in  
40 the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. <sup>1</sup>**[Until such**  
41 **time as the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund is established,**  
42 any monies collected pursuant to this section shall be forwarded to

**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:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

1 the State Treasurer, and deposited into the "NJ National Guard State  
2 Family Readiness Council Fund," as established, pursuant to section  
3 1 of P.L.2011, c.117 (C.54A:9-25.29).**】**<sup>1</sup>  
4 (cf: P.L.2015, c.118, s.1)

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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1219

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ANNETTE CHAPARRO**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Johnson and Peterson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol and owner options prior to testing of owner's animal for rabies.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning certain animals suspected of being rabid,  
2 amending R.S.26:4-86 and R.S.26:4-94, and supplementing Title  
3 26 of the Revised Statutes.  
4

5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
7

8 1. (New section) a. No rabies testing shall be performed on a  
9 dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring,  
10 or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing, and the owner of  
11 the animal have complied with the requirements of subsections b.  
12 through d. of this section.

13 b. Whenever it is necessary to test a dead domestic companion  
14 animal for rabies, prior to commencing any testing procedure, the  
15 health official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies  
16 testing, as applicable, shall notify at the first opportunity the owner  
17 of the animal, if known, verbally and in writing, of:

- 18 (1) the necessity of the rabies testing and the reasons therefor;  
19 (2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed;  
20 (3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the  
21 animal's body;  
22 (4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the  
23 animal's body or its return to the owner; and  
24 (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if  
25 decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion  
26 of the rabies testing.

27 To the greatest extent possible, the protocols followed pursuant  
28 to paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection shall provide that, if  
29 an animal's head is decapitated, the head is returned to the owner  
30 with the rest of the animal's body if the head does not test positive  
31 for rabies.

32 c. Whenever the owner of the domestic companion animal is  
33 upset about the possible decapitation of the animal, the health  
34 official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing  
35 shall offer the owner the option to have only the brain removed for  
36 testing, unless there is a medical necessity for the animal's entire  
37 head to be taken. If the owner chooses to have only the brain  
38 removed, only the brain shall be removed for the rabies testing, and  
39 the remainder of the animal's body shall be maintained intact. If it  
40 is medically necessary to take the entire head, the health official or  
41 veterinarian, as applicable, shall immediately notify the owner of  
42 this necessity and provide the owner with the notice and the reason  
43 for the medical necessity in writing.

44 d. Upon receiving the notification required in subsection b. of  
45 this section, the information required, and if applicable, any

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1 notification that may be required, pursuant to subsection c. of this  
2 section, the owner of the animal shall immediately provide, in  
3 writing, in the manner prescribed by the department pursuant to  
4 subsection f. of this section:

5 (1) release of the animal to the health official or veterinarian, as  
6 applicable, for the rabies testing, in accordance with the protocols  
7 to be followed pursuant to subsection b. of this section;

8 (2) authorization to take only the animal's brain or the entire  
9 head of the animal as requested or required, as applicable, pursuant  
10 to subsections b. and c. of this section; and

11 (3) the owner's consent to the protocols and procedures to be  
12 followed pursuant to this section.

13 e. The owner of the domestic companion animal may be  
14 required to pay a reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of  
15 only the brain.

16 f. The Department of Health shall develop and provide on its  
17 website forms for use in providing the notifications required  
18 pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, and the release,  
19 authorization, and consent required pursuant to subsection d. of this  
20 section.

21 g. This section shall not apply to rabies testing required  
22 pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1989, c.307 (C.4:19-26) or to the  
23 handling of an impounded animal that is suspected of being rabid  
24 pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.16).

25 h. Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with  
26 the powers of any municipality to control rabies consistent with  
27 R.S.26:4-95.

28 i. As used in this section, "domestic companion animal" means  
29 any animal commonly referred to as a pet that was bought, bred,  
30 raised, or otherwise acquired, in accordance with local ordinances  
31 and State and federal law, for the primary purpose of providing  
32 companionship to the owner, rather than for business or agricultural  
33 purposes.

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35 2. R.S.26:4-86 is amended to read as follows:

36 26:4-86. The local board or the duly authorized agent of **[such ]**  
37 the board, within its jurisdiction, shall be permitted by the owner or  
38 person in charge of a dog, cat or other animal which has attacked or  
39 bitten a person, to examine the animal at any time, and daily if  
40 desired, within a period of **[ten] 10** days after the animal has  
41 attacked or bitten a person, to determine whether the animal shows  
42 symptoms of rabies.

43 If the animal dies within the **[ten] 10**-day confinement period or  
44 if the owner or person in charge of the animal **[elects to destroy]**  
45 chooses to euthanize the animal at any time during the confinement  
46 period, the local board may order a laboratory examination for  
47 rabies to be performed on the dead animal, in compliance with

1 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
2 this bill).

3 **【No】** Except as provided for in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
4 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), no person shall refuse,  
5 obstruct, or interfere with the local board in making any  
6 examination authorized pursuant to this section.  
7 (cf: P.L.1989, c.297, s.1)

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9 3. R.S.26:4-94 is amended to read as follows:

10 26:4-94. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
11 article, or any notice served thereunder, shall be liable to a penalty  
12 of **【five dollars (\$5.00)】** \$50 for the first offense, and not less than  
13 **【five dollars (\$5.00)】** \$50 nor more than **【fifty dollars (\$50.00)】**  
14 \$250 for each subsequent offense, to be recovered in a civil action  
15 brought by and in the name of the **【State】** Department of Health or  
16 a local board. Penalties hereunder shall be enforced and collected  
17 pursuant to **【sections】** R.S.26:3-72, R.S.26:3-77 and R.S.26:3-78  
18 **【of the Revised Statutes】**.  
19 (cf: P.L.2014, c.69, s.5)

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21 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill prohibits any rabies testing from being performed on a  
27 dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring,  
28 or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing, and the owner of  
29 the animal have complied with the requirements set forth in the bill.

30 The bill requires any health official requiring, or the veterinarian  
31 performing, rabies testing, as applicable, to notify at the first  
32 opportunity the owner of the animal, if known, verbally and in  
33 writing, of:

34 (1) the necessity of the rabies testing and the reasons therefor;

35 (2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed;

36 (3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the  
37 animal's body;

38 (4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the  
39 animal's body or its return to the owner; and

40 (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if  
41 decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion  
42 of the rabies testing.

43 The bill also requires, if the owner is upset about the decapitation  
44 of the animal, the health official requiring, or the veterinarian  
45 performing, the rabies testing to offer the owner the option to have  
46 only the brain removed, unless there is a medical necessity for the  
47 animal's entire head to be taken.

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1 All notifications under the bill are required to be provided in  
2 writing and the bill requires the animal's owner to immediately  
3 provide in writing the release, authorization, and consent required  
4 pursuant to the bill. The bill allows for the owner to be charged a  
5 reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of only the brain.

6 Finally, the bill provides that the requirements established in the  
7 bill do not apply to vicious dogs or impounded animals suspected of  
8 being rabid.

# ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1219

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Assembly Agriculture Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1219.

This bill, as amended, prohibits any rabies testing from being performed on a dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing, and the owner of the animal have complied with the requirements set forth in the bill.

The bill, as amended, requires any health official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, rabies testing, as applicable, to notify at the first opportunity the owner of the animal, if known, verbally and in writing, of:

- (1) the necessity of the rabies testing and the reasons therefor;
- (2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed;
- (3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the animal's body;
- (4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the animal's body or its return to the owner; and
- (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion of the rabies testing.

The bill, as amended, also requires, if the owner objects to the decapitation of the animal, the health official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing to offer the owner the option to have only the brain removed for testing.

All notifications under the bill are required to be provided in writing and the bill, as amended, requires the animal's owner to immediately provide in writing the release, authorization, and consent required pursuant to the bill. The bill, as amended, allows for the owner to be charged a reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of only the brain.

The bill, as amended, also directs the Department of Health (DOH) to recommend, develop, and offer sensitivity training for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary assistants, and employees of animal hospitals and other facilities providing health care to domestic companion animals. The bill, as amended, requires the training to be

offered to the listed animal health care providers but specifies that the training is not mandatory. The training is required to:

1) provide education in the communication skills necessary to address emotional trauma, loss, and grief for the owners of domestic companion animals when the animal is sick or dying, the necessity of euthanizing the animal, and the necessary procedures associated with the care or euthanizing of the animal; and

2) incorporate the guidelines for addressing trauma and principles of mental health first aid developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Finally, the bill provides that the requirements established in the bill do not apply to vicious dogs or impounded animals suspected of being rabid.

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 amendments:

1) provide a legislative findings section concerning the reasons for and intent of the bill;

2) delete the provision allowing for the possibility of a decapitated head being returned to the owner;

3) require an owner objecting to decapitation for rabies testing purposes to choose to have only the brain removed instead;

4) clarify that the owner provide in writing, an agreement with the rabies testing option selected;

5) require the DOH to recommend sensitivity training to veterinarians and other listed animal health care providers;

6) require the training to provide education in the communication skills necessary to address emotional trauma, loss, and grief for the owners of sick or dying domestic companion animals;

7) require the training to incorporate certain guidelines and principles for addressing trauma developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

8) require the training to be offered to, but not mandatory for, veterinarians and other listed animal health care providers; and

9) make technical and clarifying corrections to the bill.

**STATEMENT TO**  
**[First Reprint]**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1219**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman CHAPARRO)

ADOPTED: MAY 20, 2021

The floor amendments would remove language from the bill that would have directed the Department of Health to recommend, develop, and offer sensitivity training for veterinarians and veterinary workers. The amendments would also replace language throughout bill referring to the “veterinarian performing” rabies testing with “veterinarian preparing and submitting the specimen for rabies testing.” The amendments would require the owner of a dead domestic companion animal required to be tested for rabies, to be informed of the protocol of decapitation, instead of being informed of the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if decapitated, the possible loss of the animal’s head after completion of the rabies testing;

The amendments remove language that required the owner’s consent to the protocols and procedures in the bill and instead, would require the owner to sign an acknowledgement that notification of the protocols and procedures of rabies testing had been provided. The amendments would (1) remove language that would have allowed the owner of a domestic companion animal who objects to the possible decapitation of the animal, to be offered the option to only have the brain removed for testing, (2) remove other references to this option throughout the bill, and (3) remove language about payment of additional costs for the option.

The amendments also revise the definition of “domestic companion animal” to exclude “domestic livestock.” Finally, the amendments make technical and clarifying corrections to the bill.

**SENATE, No. 1054**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 2020

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator BRIAN P. STACK**  
**District 33 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) a. No rabies testing shall be performed on a  
9 dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring,  
10 or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing, and the owner of  
11 the animal have complied with the requirements of subsections b.  
12 through d. of this section.

13 b. Whenever it is necessary to test a dead domestic companion  
14 animal for rabies, prior to commencing any testing procedure, the  
15 health official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies  
16 testing, as applicable, shall notify at the first opportunity the owner  
17 of the animal, if known, verbally and in writing, of:

18 (1) the necessity of the rabies testing and the reasons therefor;

19 (2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed;

20 (3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the  
21 animal's body;

22 (4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the  
23 animal's body or its return to the owner; and

24 (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if  
25 decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion  
26 of the rabies testing.

27 To the greatest extent possible, the protocols followed pursuant  
28 to paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection shall provide that, if  
29 an animal's head is decapitated, the head is returned to the owner  
30 with the rest of the animal's body if the head does not test positive  
31 for rabies.

32 c. Whenever the owner of the domestic companion animal is  
33 upset about the possible decapitation of the animal, the health  
34 official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing  
35 shall offer the owner the option to have only the brain removed for  
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42 this necessity and provide the owner with the notice and the reason  
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44 d. Upon receiving the notification required in subsection b. of  
45 this section, the information required, and if applicable, any

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1 notification that may be required, pursuant to subsection c. of this  
2 section, the owner of the animal shall immediately provide, in  
3 writing, in the manner prescribed by the department pursuant to  
4 subsection f. of this section:

5 (1) release of the animal to the health official or veterinarian, as  
6 applicable, for the rabies testing, in accordance with the protocols  
7 to be followed pursuant to subsection b. of this section;

8 (2) authorization to take only the animal's brain or the entire  
9 head of the animal as requested or required, as applicable, pursuant  
10 to subsections b. and c. of this section; and

11 (3) the owner's consent to the protocols and procedures to be  
12 followed pursuant to this section.

13 e. The owner of the domestic companion animal may be  
14 required to pay a reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of  
15 only the brain.

16 f. The Department of Health shall develop and provide on its  
17 website forms for use in providing the notifications required  
18 pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, and the release,  
19 authorization, and consent required pursuant to subsection d. of this  
20 section.

21 g. This section shall not apply to rabies testing required  
22 pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1989, c.307 (C.4:19-26) or to the  
23 handling of an impounded animal that is suspected of being rabid  
24 pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.16).

25 h. Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with  
26 the powers of any municipality to control rabies consistent with  
27 R.S.26:4-95.

28 i. As used in this section, "domestic companion animal" means  
29 any animal commonly referred to as a pet that was bought, bred,  
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42 symptoms of rabies.

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44 period or if the owner or person in charge of the animal **[elects to**  
45 **destroy] chooses to euthanize** the animal at any time during the  
46 confinement period, the local board may order a laboratory  
47 examination for rabies to be performed on the dead animal, in

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1 compliance with section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
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23 animal's body or its return to the owner; and

24 (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if  
25 decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion  
26 of the rabies testing.

27 To the greatest extent possible, the protocols followed pursuant  
28 to paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection shall provide that, if  
29 an animal's head is decapitated, the head is returned to the owner  
30 with the rest of the animal's body if the head does not test positive  
31 for rabies.

32 c. Whenever the owner of the domestic companion animal is  
33 upset about the possible decapitation of the animal, the health  
34 official requiring, or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing  
35 shall offer the owner the option to have only the brain removed for  
36 testing, unless there is a medical necessity for the animal's entire  
37 head to be taken. If the owner chooses to have only the brain  
38 removed, only the brain shall be removed for the rabies testing, and  
39 the remainder of the animal's body shall be maintained intact. If it  
40 is medically necessary to take the entire head, the health official or  
41 veterinarian, as applicable, shall immediately notify the owner of  
42 this necessity and provide the owner with the notice and the reason  
43 for the medical necessity in writing.

44 d. Upon receiving the notification required in subsection b. of  
45 this section, the information required, and if applicable, any

**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 notification that may be required, pursuant to subsection c. of this  
2 section, the owner of the animal shall immediately provide, in  
3 writing, in the manner prescribed by the department pursuant to  
4 subsection f. of this section:

5 (1) release of the animal to the health official or veterinarian, as  
6 applicable, for the rabies testing, in accordance with the protocols  
7 to be followed pursuant to subsection b. of this section;

8 (2) authorization to take only the animal's brain or the entire  
9 head of the animal as requested or required, as applicable, pursuant  
10 to subsections b. and c. of this section; and

11 (3) the owner's consent to the protocols and procedures to be  
12 followed pursuant to this section.

13 e. The owner of the domestic companion animal may be  
14 required to pay a reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of  
15 only the brain.

16 f. The Department of Health shall develop and provide on its  
17 website forms for use in providing the notifications required  
18 pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, and the release,  
19 authorization, and consent required pursuant to subsection d. of this  
20 section.

21 g. This section shall not apply to rabies testing required  
22 pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1989, c.307 (C.4:19-26) or to the  
23 handling of an impounded animal that is suspected of being rabid  
24 pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.16).

25 h. Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with  
26 the powers of any municipality to control rabies consistent with  
27 R.S.26:4-95.

28 i. As used in this section, "domestic companion animal" means  
29 any animal commonly referred to as a pet that was bought, bred,  
30 raised, or otherwise acquired, in accordance with local ordinances  
31 and State and federal law, for the primary purpose of providing  
32 companionship to the owner, rather than for business or agricultural  
33 purposes.

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35 2. R.S.26:4-86 is amended to read as follows:

36 26:4-86. The local board or the duly authorized agent of **[such ]**  
37 the board, within its jurisdiction, shall be permitted by the owner or  
38 person in charge of a dog, cat or other animal which has attacked or  
39 bitten a person, to examine the animal at any time, and daily if  
40 desired, within a period of **[ten] 10** days after the animal has  
41 attacked or bitten a person, to determine whether the animal shows  
42 symptoms of rabies.

43 If the animal dies within the **[ten day] 10-day** confinement  
44 period or if the owner or person in charge of the animal **[elects to**  
45 **destroy] chooses to euthanize** the animal at any time during the  
46 confinement period, the local board may order a laboratory  
47 examination for rabies to be performed on the dead animal, in

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1 compliance with section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
2 the Legislature as this bill).

3 **【No】** Except as provided for in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
4 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), no person shall refuse,  
5 obstruct, or interfere with the local board in making any  
6 examination authorized pursuant to this section.  
7 (cf: P.L.1989, c.297, s.1)

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9 3. R.S.26:4-94 is amended to read as follows:

10 26:4-94. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
11 article, or any notice served thereunder, shall be liable to a penalty  
12 of **【five dollars (\$5.00)】** \$50 for the first offense, and not less than  
13 **【five dollars (\$5.00)】** \$50 nor more than **【fifty dollars (\$50.00)】**  
14 \$250 for each subsequent offense, to be recovered in a civil action  
15 brought by and in the name of the **【State】** Department of Health or  
16 a local board. Penalties hereunder shall be enforced and collected  
17 pursuant to **【sections】** R.S.26:3-72, R.S.26:3-77 and R.S.26:3-78  
18 **【of the Revised Statutes】**.

19 (cf: P.L.2014, c.69, s.5)

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21 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill prohibits any rabies testing from being performed on a  
27 dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring,  
28 or the veterinarian performing, the rabies testing, and the owner of  
29 the animal have complied with the requirements set forth in the bill.

30 The bill requires any health official requiring, or the veterinarian  
31 performing, rabies testing, as applicable, to notify at the first  
32 opportunity the owner of the animal, if known, verbally and in  
33 writing, of:

34 (1) the necessity of the rabies testing and the reasons therefor;

35 (2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed;

36 (3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the  
37 animal's body;

38 (4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the  
39 animal's body or its return to the owner; and

40 (5) the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if  
41 decapitated, the possible loss of the animal's head after completion  
42 of the rabies testing.

43 The bill also requires, if the owner is upset about the decapitation  
44 of the animal, the health official requiring, or the veterinarian  
45 performing, the rabies testing to offer the owner the option to have  
46 only the brain removed, unless there is a medical necessity for the  
47 animal's entire head to be taken.

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1 All notifications under the bill are required to be provided in  
2 writing and the bill requires the animal's owner to immediately  
3 provide in writing the release, authorization, and consent required  
4 pursuant to the bill. The bill allows for the owner to be charged a  
5 reasonable additional cost for rabies testing of only the brain.

6 Finally, the bill provides that the requirements established in the  
7 bill do not apply to vicious dogs or impounded animals suspected of  
8 being rabid.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1054**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator STACK)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 2, 2021

These floor amendments would:

- 1) replace language throughout bill referring to the “veterinarian performing” rabies testing with “veterinarian preparing and submitting the specimen for rabies testing;”
- 2) require the owner of a dead domestic companion animal required to be tested for rabies, to be informed of the protocol of decapitation, instead of being informed of the possibility of decapitation of the animal and, if decapitated, the possible loss of the animal’s head after completion of the rabies testing; and
- 3) remove language that required the owner’s consent to the protocols and procedures in the bill and instead, would require the owner to sign an acknowledgement that notification of the protocols and procedures of rabies testing had been provided.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1219**  
(Second Reprint)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am herewith returning Assembly Bill No. 1219 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

Assembly Bill No. 1219 (Second Reprint) would prohibit any rabies testing from being performed on a dead domestic companion animal until the health official requiring the rabies testing, or the veterinarian preparing and submitting the specimen for rabies testing, has complied with the requirements set forth in the bill. Such requirements include providing the owner of the animal with both written and verbal notice of the following: 1) the necessity of the rabies testing; 2) the rabies testing protocol to be followed; 3) the protocol to be followed with regard to the handling of the animal's body; 4) the protocol to be followed with regard to the disposal of the animal's body or its return to the owner; and 5) the protocol for decapitation of the animal. The bill also requires the health official or veterinarian to obtain written acknowledgment from the owner that the necessary notification of protocols and procedures was received prior to conducting any rabies testing on the animal in question.

The bill would also increase penalties for persons who violate provisions of the law regarding the treatment of rabid animals, including the provisions of this bill, from a minimum of \$5.00 and maximum of \$50.00, to a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$250.00.

I commend the bill's sponsors for recognizing the trauma that pet owners can experience when their companions are subject to rabies testing and the pet owners have not been fully informed of the procedure. This bill will ensure that pet owners are properly informed of the protocols associated with the process in order to minimize this trauma.

While I support the laudable goals of this legislation, I am concerned that requiring a written acknowledgement could jeopardize public health if a health official or veterinarian is unable to conduct a necessary and time-sensitive procedure due to the inability to obtain the written acknowledgment. In order to properly balance the goals of this bill with the health and safety of our communities, I am recommending modest revisions to allow a health official or veterinarian to proceed with rabies testing in the absence of written acknowledgment from the owner if reasonable and documented attempts to contact the owner and obtain a signature are unsuccessful.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 1219 (Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 3, Section 2, Line 5: Delete "No" and insert "Except as provided under subsection e. of this section, no"

Page 4, Section 2, Line 22: After "(C.4:19-15.16)." insert "In cases where a veterinarian or health official has made reasonable attempts to contact the owner to comply with this section and the owner is unable to be contacted or refuses to provide a signature, rabies testing can proceed. When contact is made but a written signature of acknowledgment by the owner cannot be obtained, the veterinarian or health official shall document the date and time that verbal notification was made to the owner and keep this information on file for six months."

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor

# 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

