

**4:22-17**  
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**LAWS OF:** 2015                      **CHAPTER:** 133

**NJSA:** 4:22-17 (Criminalizes bestiality.)

**BILL NO:** A3012                      (Substituted for S2296)

**SPONSOR(S)** Ciattarelli, Jack M., and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** March 24, 2014

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** Judiciary

**SENATE:** Judiciary

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** 6/26/2014

**SENATE:** 5/18/2015

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** November 9, 2015

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

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**A3012**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** Yes

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**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 133, *approved November 9, 2015*

Assembly, No. 3012

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11 (2) Cause or procure, by any direct or indirect means, including  
12 but not limited to through the use of another living animal or  
13 creature, any of the acts described in paragraph (1) of this  
14 subsection to be done;

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18 animal or creature unattended in a vehicle under inhumane  
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23 creature with necessary care.

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38 the fourth degree.

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41 appropriate, subsection g., of this section.

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11 or creature; or
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14 with the animal or creature, including, but not limited to,  
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19 between the genitalia of one and the genitalia or anus of the other.  
20 This term does not include any medical procedure performed by a  
21 licensed veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine or an accepted  
22 animal husbandry practice.
- 23 d. (1) A person who violates paragraph (1), (2), **[or]** (3) or (4)  
24 of subsection c. of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the  
25 fourth degree, except that the person shall be guilty of a crime of  
26 the third degree if:
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- 28 (b) the animal or creature suffers serious bodily injury as a  
29 result of the violation; or
- 30 (c) the person has a prior conviction for an offense that would  
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32 subsection c. of this section.
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35 f. and, if appropriate, subsection g., of this section.
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15 and care of the animal or animals involved in the violation.

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18 offense, crime of the fourth degree, or crime of the third degree  
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20 receive mental health counseling by a licensed psychologist or  
21 therapist named by the court for a period of time to be prescribed by  
22 the licensed psychologist or therapist.

23 (cf: P.L.2013, c.88, s.2)

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#### STATEMENT

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Criminalizes bestiality.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3012

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 24, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JACK M. CIATTARELLI**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER**

**District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Simon, Assemblymen Giblin, Coughlin, Senators  
Weinberg and Scutari**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/19/2015)**

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# ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 3012

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2014

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3012.

This bill would criminalize bestiality. Under current law, it is a criminal offense to torture or neglect an animal or creature or commit other acts of animal cruelty. This bill would amend R.S.4:22-17 to specifically make it a crime to use, or cause or procure the use of, an animal or creature in any kind of sexual manner or initiate any kind of sexual contact with the animal or creature, including, but not limited to, sodomizing the animal or creature. The bill defines “sexual contact” as any contact between a person and an animal by penetration of the penis or a foreign object into the vagina or anus, contact between the mouth and genitalia, or contact between the genitalia of one and the genitalia or anus of the other. The bill specifies that the term “sexual contact” does not include any medical procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine or an accepted animal husbandry practice.

Under the bill, bestiality would be a crime of the fourth degree unless the animal or creature dies or suffers serious bodily injury as a result of the violation, or the person has a prior conviction for an offense that would constitute animal cruelty under the statute, in which case bestiality would be a crime of the third degree. A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by up to 18 months’ imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by three to five years’ imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3012**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 7, 2015

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3012.

This bill would criminalize bestiality as a form of animal cruelty. Under current law, it is an offense to torture or neglect an animal or creature, or to commit other acts of animal cruelty.

This bill would amend the animal cruelty statute, R.S.4:22-17, to specifically make it a crime to use, or cause or procure the use of, an animal or creature in any kind of sexual manner or initiate any kind of sexual contact with the animal or creature, including, but not limited to, sodomizing the animal or creature.

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As per the current law regarding animal cruelty, further punishment would include:

- the performance of community service for up to 30 days, which could be done by providing assistance to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or any other recognized organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or to a municipality's animal control or animal population control program; and

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Additionally, if the actor was a juvenile, that person would be ordered to receive mental health counseling by a licensed psychologist

or therapist for a period of time to be prescribed by that licensed professional.

This bill, as reported, is identical to Senate Bill No. 2296, also reported by the committee today.

**SENATE, No. 2296**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JULY 10, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Weinberg and Scutari**

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35 degree, crime of the fourth degree, or disorderly persons offense, as  
36 the case may be, pursuant to Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes,  
37 the court shall impose a term of community service of up to 30  
38 days, and may direct that the term of community service be served  
39 in providing assistance to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention  
40 of Cruelty to Animals, a county society for the prevention of cruelty  
41 to animals, or any other recognized organization concerned with the  
42 prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care  
43 of animals, or to a municipality's animal control or animal  
44 population control program.

45 f. The court also shall require any violator of this section to  
46 pay restitution, including but not limited to, the monetary cost of  
47 replacing the animal if the animal died or had to be euthanized  
48 because of the extent of the animal's injuries, or otherwise  
49 reimburse any costs for food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care or



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1 treatment, or other costs, incurred by the owner of the animal, if the  
2 owner is not the person committing the act of cruelty, or incurred  
3 by any agency, entity, or organization investigating the violation,  
4 including but not limited to the New Jersey Society for the  
5 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a county society for the  
6 prevention of cruelty to animals, any other recognized organization  
7 concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane  
8 treatment and care of animals, a local or State governmental entity,  
9 or a kennel, shelter, pound, or other facility providing for the shelter  
10 and care of the animal or animals involved in the violation.

11 g. If a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if  
12 committed by an adult, would constitute a disorderly persons  
13 offense, crime of the fourth degree, or crime of the third degree  
14 pursuant to this section, the court also shall order the juvenile to  
15 receive mental health counseling by a licensed psychologist or  
16 therapist named by the court for a period of time to be prescribed by  
17 the licensed psychologist or therapist.

18 (cf: P.L.2013, c.88, s.2)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately

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**STATEMENT**

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25 This bill would criminalize bestiality. Current animal cruelty  
26 law makes it a crime to torture or neglect an animal or creature.  
27 This bill would amend R.S. 4:22-17 to specifically make it a crime  
28 to use, or cause or procure the use of, an animal or creature in any  
29 kind of sexual manner or initiate any kind of sexual contact with the  
30 animal or creature, including, but not limited to, sodomizing the  
31 animal or creature. As used in the bill, "sexual contact" means any  
32 contact between a person and an animal by penetration of the penis  
33 or a foreign object into the vagina or anus, contact between the  
34 mouth and genitalia, or contact between the genitalia of one and the  
35 genitalia or anus of the other. This term does not include any  
36 medical procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian practicing  
37 veterinary medicine or an accepted animal husbandry practice.

38 Under the bill, bestiality would be a crime of the fourth degree  
39 except that the person would be guilty of a crime of the third degree  
40 if the animal or creature dies as a result of the violation; the animal  
41 or creature suffers serious bodily injury as a result of the violation;  
42 or the person has a prior conviction for an offense that would  
43 constitute animal cruelty under the statute. A crime of the fourth  
44 degree is punishable by up to 18 months imprisonment, a fine of up  
45 to \$10,000, or both. A crime of the third degree is punishable by  
46 three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

# SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2296

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2015

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2296.

This bill would criminalize bestiality as a form of animal cruelty. Under current law, it is an offense to torture or neglect an animal or creature, or to commit other acts of animal cruelty.

This bill would amend the animal cruelty statute, R.S.4:22-17, to specifically make it a crime to use, or cause or procure the use of, an animal or creature in any kind of sexual manner or initiate any kind of sexual contact with the animal or creature, including, but not limited to, sodomizing the animal or creature.

Bestiality would be graded as a crime of the fourth degree unless the animal or creature dies or suffers serious bodily injury as a result of the criminal act, or the person has a prior conviction for bestiality or another criminal act constituting animal cruelty under the statute, in which case it would be upgraded to a crime of the third degree. A crime of the fourth degree is ordinarily punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both; a crime of the third degree is ordinarily punishable by a term of imprisonment of three to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

As per the current law regarding animal cruelty, further punishment would include:

- the performance of community service for up to 30 days, which could be done by providing assistance to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or any other recognized organization concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the humane treatment and care of animals, or to a municipality's animal control or animal population control program; and

- the payment of restitution, including but not limited to, the monetary cost of replacing the animal or creature if such died or had to be euthanized because of the extent of the animal's or creature's injuries, or otherwise reimburse any costs for food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care or treatment, or other costs, incurred by the owner of the animal or creature, if the owner is not the person committing the act of cruelty, or incurred by others.

Additionally, if the actor was a juvenile, that person would be ordered to receive mental health counseling by a licensed psychologist

or therapist for a period of time to be prescribed by that licensed professional.

This bill, as reported, is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3012, also reported by the committee today.

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today took action on legislation, including a package of five bills intended to address the fiscal stability of Atlantic City.

Understanding both the immediate and long-term obstacles facing Atlantic City and its stabilization, the Governor has consistently highlighted the need for comprehensive reform efforts to confront the city's challenges – both from State and local leaders. The Governor remains committed to bringing about the necessary reforms to stabilize Atlantic City and continue an effective long-term transition to an economy that is diversified beyond its traditional gaming industry.

Continuing in that effort, Governor Christie conditionally vetoed A-3981, establishing a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) program for casinos operating in the City, A-3984, reallocating revenue derived from the casino investment alternative tax from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority to the City to pay debt service on municipal bonds, and A-3985, repealing the Atlantic City Alliance.

"While I commend the Legislature for attempting to devise measures to stabilize the City's budget and finances, I am concerned that the bills, in their present form, fail to recognize the true path to economic revitalization and fiscal stability in the City," Governor Christie said. "While these bills represent the bipartisan efforts of many to provide important, near-term support to the City's immediate challenges, I do not believe they meet the goal of setting a course toward renewed, long-term prosperity and economic growth. To achieve these goals, we must continue our work and go further to ensure that the next step leads to that economically vibrant future for Atlantic City."

In addition, the Governor signed A- 3983, authorizing supplemental school aid to the Atlantic City school district, and vetoed the fifth bill, A-3982, which would add a costly and unjustified new mandate for casino business operation in the City by requiring each casino, as a condition of licensure, to provide to its full time employees "suitable" health care benefits and "suitable" retirement benefits.

"A-3982 would do nothing to enhance the financial condition of Atlantic City," Governor Christie wrote. "To be sure, this bill would make it more costly for casinos to operate in Atlantic City, thereby impeding the industry's ability to grow and expand."

Governor Christie also vetoed legislation designed to revise certain laws concerning domestic violence and firearms. The Christie Administration has made protecting our most vulnerable residents one of its main priorities and has enacted some of the toughest measures to combat domestic violence. Governor Christie has supported a comprehensive approach to addressing the level of violence within our society and recently signed legislation to further penalize aggravated assault perpetuated against domestic violence victims. This legislation, A-4218 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Lagana, Benson, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie, Danielsen/Weinberg, Gill, Cruz-Perez), substantially restates New Jersey's existing laws that govern firearms and domestic violence and does not offer new and sensible improvements to those current laws. For that reason, rather than restate existing laws, the Governor is proposing significant amendments that will meaningfully deter future acts of violence.

• **Enhanced Penalties For Domestic Violence.** Governor Christie is proposing enhanced criminal penalties imposed against those who are convicted of domestic violence. To demonstrate society's unconditional condemnation of this conduct, perpetrators would receive the maximum available prison sentence under New Jersey law.

• **Tighter Restrictions On Parole Eligibility For Perpetrators Of Domestic Violence.** The Governor's recommended changes will strengthen penalties for perpetrators of domestic abuse by lengthening periods of parole

ineligibility.

- **Prioritizing Victims Who Seek Firearms For Protection.** The Governor is also recommending an immediate codification in statute of new rules currently being processed, giving expedited processing of firearm license applications for victims of domestic violence so that the victims may better defend themselves against future instances of abuse.

"I urge the Legislature to join with me in a bipartisan manner to broaden this bill's approach to reducing domestic violence while simultaneously empowering victims to protect themselves through lawful means," Governor Christie said. "Together, we can enact a more comprehensive approach and reduce the harm that domestic violence inflicts on victims, families, and our society."

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

#### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-2174/A-3364 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Quijano, Mainor, Pinkin)** - Prohibits manufacture, sale, or installation of counterfeit or nonfunctional air bags in motor vehicles

**A-815/S-852 (Coughlin, Ciattarelli, Diegnan, Pinkin, Giblin/Vitale)** - Requires municipalities which license peddlers and solicitors to accept certain background check results from other municipalities

**A-1029/S-274 (Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Tucker, Wimberly/Greenstein, Ruiz)** - Requires training program for school bus drivers and school bus aides on interacting with students with special needs, and requires development and use of student information cards

**A-1041/S-2676 (Schaer, Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Mazzeo/Rumana, Gordon, Weinberg)** - Exempts Holocaust reparations payments from legal process, and from estate recovery under Medicaid program

**A-1102/S-1145 (Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Spencer, Schaer, Wimberly/Weinberg, Cruz-Perez)** - Provides for licensure of dementia care homes by DOH

**ACS for A-1662/S-2856 (Johnson, Lagana, Wimberly/Weinberg)** - Authorizes the court to order the deletion, sealing, labeling, or correction of certain personal information in government records involving certain victims of identity theft

**AS for A-1678/SS for S-1365 (Johnson, Mainor, O'Scanlon, Wilson, Wimberly/Weinberg)** - Authorizes court to order submission of DNA evidence to national database to determine whether evidence matches known individual or DNA profile from an unsolved crime

**AS for ACS for A-2073/SCS for S-712 (Handlin, Space, Garcia, Pintor Marin/Cruz-Perez, Kyrillos, Lesniak)** - Exempts certain offers and sales of securities from registration

**A-2385/S-944 (McKeon, Diegnan, Jasey, Andrzejczak/Smith, Codey)** - Authorizes rural electric cooperative and certain municipalities to establish municipal shared services authority

**ACS for A-2477/SCS for S-1705 (Lampitt, Conaway, Benson, Sumter, Munoz, Pinkin/Vitale, Singer)** - Establishes requirements for pharmacists to dispense biological products

**A-2714/S-1993 (Giblin, Sumter/Barnes)** - Requires continuing education for licensed practicing psychologists

**A-2936/S-1957 (Mosquera, Lampitt, Singleton, Wimberly/Singer, Connors)** - Requires complaint for guardianship of person receiving services from Division of Developmental Disabilities to include one of documents identified in bill

**A-3012/S-2296 (Ciattarelli, Dancer/Bateman)** - Criminalizes bestiality

**A-3079/S-2766 (Jasey, Diegnan, Mainor, Wimberly, Oliver, DeCrose/Turner, Ruiz)** - Prohibits administration of standardized assessments in kindergarten through second grade

**A-3153/S-2415 (DeAngelo, Mosquera/Madden, Beach)** - Requires UI employer contribution reports and remittances be submitted to the Division of Revenue

**A-3248/S-2459 (Conaway, Sumter, Pintor Marin/Singer)** - Establishes the Task Force on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in DOH

**A-3580/S-2846 (Moriarty, Dancer, Coughlin, Mainor, Pinkin, Munoz, Daniels, Wimberly/Madden, Turner)** - Prohibits sale of powdered alcohol

**A-3636/SCS for S-2393, 2408, 2411 (McKeon, Lagana, Spencer/Scutari, O'Toole, Holzapfel)** - Establishes crime-fraud exception to marital and civil union partnership privilege

**A-3669/S-2655 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Whelan)** - Prohibits eligibility for certain sign programs from being conditioned on availability of free drinking water or public telephone

**A-3807/S-2619 (Eustace, Greenwald/Whelan)** - Permits educational research and services corporations to act as lead procurement agencies for local units and publically supported educational institutions; permits Council of County Colleges to act as lead procurement agency for county colleges

**A-3841/S-2540 (Munoz, Gusciora, Angelini, DeCroce/O'Toole, Weinberg)** – Upgrades violation of a stalking restraining order to a crime of the third degree

**A-3843/S-2735 (Caputo, Giblin, Tucker, Johnson, Mainor, Sumter/Rice)** - Permits municipality to enact ordinance allowing voluntary registration of private outdoor video surveillance cameras

**A-3983/S-2574 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Authorizes supplemental State aid to school districts in municipality with significant decrease in commercial property valuation; makes appropriation

**A-4008/SCS for S-2334 (Singleton, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Sumter/Cunningham, Ruiz)** - Requires DOC to make reports containing information concerning treatment and reentry initiative participation; requires AOC to establish program that collects recidivism data and make reports concerning adults sentenced to period of probation

**A-4013/S-2497 (Greenwald, Lagana, Coughlin/Oroho)** - Eliminates mortgage guaranty insurance coverage cap of 25% of outstanding balance of insured loan

**A-4073/S-2687 (Schaer, Prieto, Caride, Lagana, Giblin, Wimberly, Rumana/Sarlo, Gill)** - Requires installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain structures; designated as "Korman and Park's Law"

**A-4078/S-2686 (Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, McKeon, Munoz, Benson, Sumter/Pou, Beck)** - "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015"; authorizes the court to issue protective orders for victims of certain nonconsensual sexual conduct

**A-4089/S-2693 (Coughlin, Ciattarelli/Beach, Singer)** - Revises certain provisions of dental service corporation law

**A-4143/S-2514 (Lagana, Spencer, Mukherji, Johnson, Rumana, Rodriguez-Gregg, Gusciora, Mazzeo/Barnes, Addiego)** - Permits holders of certain alcoholic beverage licenses to be issued amusement game license and updates definition of recognized amusement park

**A-4144/S-2755 (Pintor Marin, Spencer, Caride, Quijano, Mukherji/Ruiz, Stack)** – Requires insurance producer licensing examination and registration materials to be offered in English and Spanish, and examination instructional materials to be available in Spanish

**A-4167/S-2751 (Lagana, Mazzeo, Eustace, Andrzejczak, Vainieri Huttie/Barnes)** - Requires DHS to notify enrollees in Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly of Medicare eligibility

**A-4168/S-2750 (Lagana, Mazzeo, Eustace, Andrzejczak, Vainieri Huttie/Barnes)** - Requires providers to submit to DHS expenditure details of enrollees in Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

**A-4169/S-2752 (Lagana, Mazzeo, Eustace, Andrzejczak, Vainieri Huttie/Barnes)** - Requires DHS to monitor utilization and billing of services for Medicaid home and community-based long-term care

**A-4333/S-3020 (Singleton, Gill)** - Exempts certain activities of alarm businesses from statutes governing practice of locksmithing

**A-4361/S-2891 (Johnson, A.M. Bucco, Garcia, S. Kean/Barnes, A.R. Bucco)** - Revises definition of all-terrain vehicles

**A-4375/S-3011 (Moriarty, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Mosquera, Quijano, Ciattarelli, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Upgrades crimes of false public alarm under certain circumstances and establishes reporting requirements concerning crime

**A-4485/S-2881 (Diegnan, Jasey, Wimberly, McKeon, Lagana/Gill, Turner)** - Prohibits withholding of State school aid based on student participation rate on State assessments

**A-4587/S-3049 (Greenwald, Lampitt, McKeon, Holley/Scutari, Cruz-Perez)** – Requires facilities providing services to persons with developmental disabilities and schools to adopt policies permitting administration of medical marijuana to qualifying patients

**AJR-64/SJR-82 (Schaer, Eustace, Lagana, Spencer, Caride, Mukherji/Pou, Ruiz)** - Declares August 16 of each year as "Dominican Restoration Day" in New Jersey

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**S-929/A-1908 (Sweeney, Madden/Burzichelli, Riley, Moriarty)** – **ABSOLUTE** -Concerns certain workers' compensation supplemental benefits

**A-801/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas

**A-947/S-2216 (Singleton, Lagana, Diegnan/Pennacchio, Rice)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Requires release of bid list prior to bid date under "Local Public Contracts Law"

**A-1468/S-2513 (Diegnan, Lampitt, Caride/Barnes, Ruiz)** – **CONDITIONAL** -Establishes Task Force on Engineering Curriculum and Instruction

**A-1726/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and

floodplains

**A-2579/S-1510 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Eustace/Smith, Bateman) – CONDITIONAL** - Authorizes municipalities to facilitate private financing of water conservation, storm shelter construction, and flood and hurricane resistance projects through use of voluntary special assessments

**A-2771/S-452 (Johnson, Burzichelli, Pintor Marin, Mosquera/Ruiz, Cruz-Perez) – CONDITIONAL** - "The New Jersey Social Innovation Act"; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

**A-2906/S-2926 (Stender, Pinkin, Mazzeo/Whelan, Scutari) – ABSOLUTE** - Excludes from gross income compensation paid to members of district boards of election for services rendered in elections

**A-3223/S-2056 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

**A-3393/S-2167 (Spencer, Pintor Marin, Caputo, Tucker/Rice, Ruiz) – CONDITIONAL** - Permits Newark to use rental car tax proceeds over three-year period to help reduce its "cash deficit for preceding year" appropriation and operational deficit

**A-3421/S-2220 (Dancer, Mukherji/Singer) – CONDITIONAL** - Revises the "Self-Funded Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement Regulation Act"

**A-3435/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon) - CONDITIONAL** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

**A-3500/S-1973 (Andrzejczak, Pinkin, Quijano/Van Drew, Beach) – ABSOLUTE** - Requires local recreation departments and youth serving organizations to have defibrillators for youth athletic events

**A-3954/S-2981 (Conaway, Singleton, Spencer, McKeon/Greenstein) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires maximum contaminant level to be established for 1,2,3-trichloropropane in drinking water

**A-3981/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan) - CONDITIONAL** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

**A-3982/S-2573 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan) – ABSOLUTE** - Requires holder of casino license to provide certain employees with certain health care and retirement benefits

**A-3984/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan) – CONDITIONAL** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

**A-3985/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan) – CONDITIONAL** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

**A-4018/S-2843 (Burzichelli, Caputo, Mazzeo/Sarlo, Whelan) – ABSOLUTE** - Authorizes operation of lottery courier services

**A-4218/S-2786 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Lagana, Benson, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie, Danielsen/Weinberg, Gill, Cruz-Perez) - CONDITIONAL** - Revises certain laws concerning domestic violence and firearms

**A-4265/S-2783 (McKeon, Pintor Marin, Jasey, Caputo, Giblin, Tucker, Spencer, Oliver, Gusciora, Danielson/Codey, Ruiz, Rice) – ABSOLUTE** - Permits municipal, county, and regional police and fire forces to establish five-year residency requirement for police officers and firefighters; allows exceptions to requirement under certain circumstances

**A-4337/S-3008 (Schaer, Danielsen, Dancer, Sumter/Barnes) – ABSOLUTE** - Expands eligibility of inmates for medical parole and requires inmate's enrollment in Medicaid under certain circumstances

**A-4476/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State

**A-4607/S-3106 (Pintor Marin, Schaer, Oliver, Lagana, Johnson, Singleton/Ruiz, Cunningham) – ABSOLUTE** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental appropriations of \$6,500,000 and adds language provision

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