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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 416

NJSA: **34:15-15** (Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies.)

BILL NO: S3036 (Substituted for A1697)

SPONSOR(S) Joseph A. Lagana and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 10/15/2018

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations

SENATE: Commerce
 Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 1/13/2020

SENATE: 3/25/2019

DATE OF APPROVAL: 1/21/2020

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted) Yes

S3036

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	Yes	Appropriations
	SENATE:	Yes	Commerce Budget & Appropriations

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

A1697

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	Yes	Appropriations
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SENATE: No

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

VETO MESSAGE: No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 416, *approved January 21, 2020*
Senate, No. 3036 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning medical claims in connection with work-related
2 injuries and illnesses and amending R.S.34:15-15.

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

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7 1. R.S.34:15-15 is amended to read as follows:

8 34:15-15. The employer shall furnish to the injured worker such
9 medical, surgical and other treatment, and hospital service as shall
10 be necessary to cure and relieve the worker of the effects of the
11 injury and to restore the functions of the injured member or organ
12 where such restoration is possible; provided, however, that the
13 employer shall not be liable to furnish or pay for physicians' or
14 surgeons' services in excess of \$50.00 and in addition to furnish
15 hospital service in excess of \$50.00, unless the injured worker or
16 the worker's physician who provides treatment, or any other person
17 on the worker's behalf, shall file a petition with the Division of
18 Workers' Compensation stating the need for physicians' or surgeons'
19 services in excess of \$50.00, as aforesaid, and such hospital service
20 or appliances in excess of \$50.00, as aforesaid, and the Division of
21 Workers' Compensation after investigating the need of the same and
22 giving the employer an opportunity to be heard, shall determine that
23 such physicians' and surgeons' treatment and hospital services are or
24 were necessary, and that the fees for the same are reasonable and
25 shall make an order requiring the employer to pay for or furnish the
26 same. The mere furnishing of medical treatment or the payment
27 thereof by the employer shall not be construed to be an admission
28 of liability.

29 If the employer shall refuse or neglect to comply with the
30 foregoing provisions of this section, the employee may secure such
31 treatment and services as may be necessary and as may come within
32 the terms of this section, and the employer shall be liable to pay
33 therefor; provided, however, that the employer shall not be liable
34 for any amount expended by the employee or by any third person on
35 the employee's behalf for any such physicians' treatment and
36 hospital services, unless such employee or any person on the
37 employee's behalf shall have requested the employer to furnish the
38 same and the employer shall have refused or neglected so to do, or
39 unless the nature of the injury required such services, and the
40 employer or the superintendent or foreman of the employer, having
41 knowledge of such injury shall have neglected to provide the same,

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SCM committee amendments adopted March 4, 2019.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

1 or unless the injury occurred under such conditions as make
2 impossible the notification of the employer, or unless the
3 circumstances are so peculiar as shall justify, in the opinion of the
4 Division of Workers' Compensation, the expenditures assumed by
5 the employee for such physicians' treatment and hospital services,
6 apparatus and appliances.

7 All fees and other charges for such physicians' and surgeons'
8 treatment and hospital treatment shall be reasonable and based upon
9 the usual fees and charges which prevail in the same community for
10 similar physicians', surgeons' and hospital services.

11 When an injured employee may be partially or wholly relieved of
12 the effects of a permanent injury, by use of an artificial limb or
13 other appliance, which phrase shall also include artificial teeth or
14 glass eye, the Division of Workers' Compensation, acting under
15 competent medical advice, is empowered to determine the character
16 and nature of such limb or appliance, and to require the employer or
17 the employer's insurance carrier to furnish the same.

18 Fees for ² ~~treatments or~~ ² medical ² ,surgical, other treatment, or
19 hospital ² services that have been authorized by the employer or its
20 carrier or its third party administrator or determined by the Division
21 of Workers' Compensation to be the responsibility of the employer,
22 its carrier or third party administrator, or have been paid by the
23 employer, its carrier or third party administrator pursuant to the
24 workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall not be
25 charged against or collectible from the injured worker. Exclusive
26 jurisdiction for any disputed medical charge arising from any claim
27 for compensation for a work-related injury or illness shall be vested
28 in the division. The treatment of an injured worker or the payment
29 of workers' compensation to an injured worker or dependent of an
30 injured or deceased worker shall not be delayed because of a claim
31 by a medical provider.

32 No provider ²to the injured worker² of medical ²~~benefits or~~
33 services who has been paid in part or in whole, or who may be
34 payable, or who has been alleged to be payable in part or in whole
35 by an employer or its carrier or its third party administrator ² .
36 surgical, other treatment, or hospital service² pursuant to the
37 workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall report any
38 portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any
39 collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection
40 facility until: (1) a judge of compensation within the Division of
41 Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and
42 liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant for
43 ²~~medical~~² payments pursuant to this section, section 1 of
44 P.L.1953, c.207 (C.34:15-15.1), and section 1 of P.L.1966, c.115
45 (C.34:15-15.2), regarding the payment of these charges; or (2) a
46 notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement
47 regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the

1 court. Upon a finding that non-compliance with this paragraph has
2 occurred, a judge of compensation, in summary fashion, and in
3 addition to such other provisions under the workers' compensation
4 law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., may:

5 a. order the non-compliant ¹[party] ²[medical]² provider¹ to
6 retract the medical ², surgical, other treatment, or hospital service²
7 charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency,
8 bureau, or data collection facility;

9 b. impose a fine on the non-compliant ¹[party] ²[medical]²
10 provider¹, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

11 c. order ²the non-compliant provider to pay² a reasonable
12 counsel fee in connection with a claimant for ²[medical]² payments
13 who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of
14 unpaid medical², surgical, other treatment, or hospital service²
15 charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
16 collection facility;

17 d. order the non-compliant ¹[party] ²[medical]² provider¹ to
18 take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to
19 rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to
20 the court of the efforts made in that regard; and

21 e. order ¹the non-compliant ²[medical]² provider to pay¹ an
22 award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the
23 medical², surgical, other treatment, or hospital service² charges
24 reported by the non-compliant ¹[party] ²[medical]² provider¹ to
25 the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection
26 facility, the minimum award being \$350.00.

27 (cf: P.L.2012, c.67, s.1)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers'
35 compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting
36 agencies.

SENATE, No. 3036

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 15, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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18 Workers' Compensation stating the need for physicians' or surgeons'
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30 foregoing provisions of this section, the employee may secure such
31 treatment and services as may be necessary and as may come within
32 the terms of this section, and the employer shall be liable to pay
33 therefor; provided, however, that the employer shall not be liable
34 for any amount expended by the employee or by any third person on
35 the employee's behalf for any such physicians' treatment and
36 hospital services, unless such employee or any person on the
37 employee's behalf shall have requested the employer to furnish the
38 same and the employer shall have refused or neglected so to do, or
39 unless the nature of the injury required such services, and the
40 employer or the superintendent or foreman of the employer, having
41 knowledge of such injury shall have neglected to provide the same,
42 or unless the injury occurred under such conditions as make
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45 Division of Workers' Compensation, the expenditures assumed by

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15 by the employer or its carrier or its third party administrator or
16 determined by the Division of Workers' Compensation to be the
17 responsibility of the employer, its carrier or third party
18 administrator, or have been paid by the employer, its carrier or third
19 party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation law,
20 R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall not be charged against or collectible from
21 the injured worker. Exclusive jurisdiction for any disputed medical
22 charge arising from any claim for compensation for a work-related
23 injury or illness shall be vested in the division. The treatment of an
24 injured worker or the payment of workers' compensation to an
25 injured worker or dependent of an injured or deceased worker shall
26 not be delayed because of a claim by a medical provider.

27 No provider of medical benefits or services who has been paid in
28 part or in whole, or who may be payable, or who has been alleged to
29 be payable in part or in whole by an employer or its carrier or its
30 third party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation
31 law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall report any portion of their charges
32 which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting
33 agency, bureau, or data collection facility until: (1) a judge of
34 compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has
35 fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including
36 the rights of the claimant for medical payments pursuant to this
37 section, section 1 of P.L.1953, c.207 (C.34:15-15.1), and section 1
38 of P.L.1966, c.115 (C.34:15-15.2), regarding the payment of these
39 charges; or (2) a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order
40 approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has
41 been filed with the court. Upon a finding that non-compliance with
42 this paragraph has occurred, a judge of compensation, in summary
43 fashion, and in addition to such other provisions under the workers'
44 compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., may:

45 a. order the non-compliant party to retract the medical charges
46 reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
47 collection facility;

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1 b. impose a fine on the non-compliant party, not to exceed
2 \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

3 c. order a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant
4 for medical payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due
5 to the reporting of unpaid medical charges to a collection or credit
6 reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

7 d. order the non-compliant party to take such steps as are
8 necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit
9 record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts
10 made in that regard; and

11 e. order an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25
12 percent of the medical charges reported by the non-compliant party
13 to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
14 collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.00.

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20 STATEMENT
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24 has been alleged to be payable in part or in whole by an employer
25 or its carrier or its third party administrator pursuant to the workers'
26 compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion
27 of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or
28 credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under
29 the bill, a medical provider may only report such charges when a
30 judge of compensation within the Division of Workers'
31 Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all
32 parties, including the rights of the claimant for medical payments,
33 regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a
34 stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding
35 the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

36 Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill,
37 a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers'
38 Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers'
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3 record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts
4 made in that regard; and

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6 percent of the medical charges reported by the non-compliant party
7 to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
8 collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.00.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3036

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3036 (2R).

Senate Bill No. 3036 (2R) prohibits a provider to an injured worker of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

- a. order the non-compliant provider to retract the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- b. impose a fine on the non-compliant provider, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;
- c. order the non-compliant provider to pay a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant for payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of unpaid medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- d. order the non-compliant provider to take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts made in that regard; and
- e. order a non-compliant provider to pay an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service reported by the non-compliant provider

to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.

As reported this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1697, as amended and reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate annual State revenue increase to the Second Injury Fund due to the collection of any required fees and charges and any penalties resulting from violations of the provisions of the bill.

The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3036

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 2019

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3036.

This bill prohibits a provider of medical benefits or services who has been paid in part or in whole, or who may be payable, or who has been alleged to be payable in part or in whole by an employer or its carrier or its third party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a medical provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant for medical payments, regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

a. order the non-compliant medical provider to retract the medical charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

b. impose a fine on the non-compliant medical provider, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

c. order a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant for medical payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of unpaid medical charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

d. order the non-compliant medical provider to take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts made in that regard; and

e. order a non-compliant medical provider to pay an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the medical charges reported by the non-compliant medical provider to the

collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to clarify that, upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may impose certain penalties on a non-compliant medical provider.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3036

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3036 (1R), with committee amendments.

This bill, with committee amendments, prohibits a provider to an injured worker of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

- a. order the non-compliant provider to retract the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- b. impose a fine on the non-compliant provider, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;
- c. order the non-compliant provider to pay a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant for payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of unpaid medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- d. order the non-compliant provider to take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts made in that regard; and

e. order a non-compliant provider to pay an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service reported by the non-compliant provider to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the bill applies to all providers to injured workers of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital services pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate annual State revenue increase to the Second Injury Fund due to the collection of any required fees and charges and any penalties resulting from violations of the provisions of the bill.

The OLS notes that, to the extent that compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Judiciary.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3036

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 29, 2019

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies.

Type of Impact: Annual increase in State revenue collection, Second Injury Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

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- The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits a provider to an injured worker of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant for medical payments, regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or

an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate annual State revenue increase to the Second Injury Fund due to the collection of any required fees and charges and any penalties resulting from violations of the provisions of the bill. Penalties for non-compliance under the bill include a fine, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund. The OLS does not have information available to accurately forecast the number of penalties or the total amount of penalties that could potentially be collected under the bill.

The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Section: Commerce, Labor and Industry

Analyst: Juan C. Rodriguez
Associate Fiscal Analyst

Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 1697

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning medical claims in connection with work-related
2 injuries and illnesses and amending R.S.34:15-15.

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

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7 1. R.S.34:15-15 is amended to read as follows:

8 34:15-15. The employer shall furnish to the injured worker such
9 medical, surgical and other treatment, and hospital service as shall
10 be necessary to cure and relieve the worker of the effects of the
11 injury and to restore the functions of the injured member or organ
12 where such restoration is possible; provided, however, that the
13 employer shall not be liable to furnish or pay for physicians' or
14 surgeons' services in excess of \$50.00 and in addition to furnish
15 hospital service in excess of \$50.00, unless the injured worker or
16 the worker's physician who provides treatment, or any other person
17 on the worker's behalf, shall file a petition with the Division of
18 Workers' Compensation stating the need for physicians' or surgeons'
19 services in excess of \$50.00, as aforesaid, and such hospital service
20 or appliances in excess of \$50.00, as aforesaid, and the Division of
21 Workers' Compensation after investigating the need of the same and
22 giving the employer an opportunity to be heard, shall determine that
23 such physicians' and surgeons' treatment and hospital services are or
24 were necessary, and that the fees for the same are reasonable and
25 shall make an order requiring the employer to pay for or furnish the
26 same. The mere furnishing of medical treatment or the payment
27 thereof by the employer shall not be construed to be an admission
28 of liability.

29 If the employer shall refuse or neglect to comply with the
30 foregoing provisions of this section, the employee may secure such
31 treatment and services as may be necessary and as may come within
32 the terms of this section, and the employer shall be liable to pay
33 therefor; provided, however, that the employer shall not be liable
34 for any amount expended by the employee or by any third person on
35 the employee's behalf for any such physicians' treatment and
36 hospital services, unless such employee or any person on the
37 employee's behalf shall have requested the employer to furnish the
38 same and the employer shall have refused or neglected so to do, or
39 unless the nature of the injury required such services, and the
40 employer or the superintendent or foreman of the employer, having
41 knowledge of such injury shall have neglected to provide the same,
42 or unless the injury occurred under such conditions as make
43 impossible the notification of the employer, or unless the
44 circumstances are so peculiar as shall justify, in the opinion of the
45 Division of Workers' Compensation, the expenditures assumed by

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the employee for such physicians' treatment and hospital services,
2 apparatus and appliances.

3 All fees and other charges for such physicians' and surgeons'
4 treatment and hospital treatment shall be reasonable and based upon
5 the usual fees and charges which prevail in the same community for
6 similar physicians', surgeons' and hospital services.

7 When an injured employee may be partially or wholly relieved of
8 the effects of a permanent injury, by use of an artificial limb or
9 other appliance, which phrase shall also include artificial teeth or
10 glass eye, the Division of Workers' Compensation, acting under
11 competent medical advice, is empowered to determine the character
12 and nature of such limb or appliance, and to require the employer or
13 the employer's insurance carrier to furnish the same.

14 Fees for treatments or medical services that have been authorized
15 by the employer or its carrier or its third party administrator or
16 determined by the Division of Workers' Compensation to be the
17 responsibility of the employer, its carrier or third party
18 administrator, or have been paid by the employer, its carrier or third
19 party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation law,
20 R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall not be charged against or collectible from
21 the injured worker. Exclusive jurisdiction for any disputed medical
22 charge arising from any claim for compensation for a work-related
23 injury or illness shall be vested in the division. The treatment of an
24 injured worker or the payment of workers' compensation to an
25 injured worker or dependent of an injured or deceased worker shall
26 not be delayed because of a claim by a medical provider.

27 No provider of medical benefits or services who has been paid in
28 part or in whole, or who may be payable, or who has been alleged to
29 be payable in part or in whole by an employer or its carrier or its
30 third party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation
31 law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., shall report any portion of their charges
32 which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting
33 agency, bureau, or data collection facility until: (1) a judge of
34 compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has
35 fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including
36 the rights of the claimant for medical payments pursuant to this
37 section, section 1 of P.L.1953, c.207 (C.34:15-15.1), and section 1
38 of P.L.1966, c.115 (C.34:15-15.2), regarding the payment of these
39 charges; or (2) a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order
40 approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has
41 been filed with the court. Upon a finding that non-compliance with
42 this paragraph has occurred, a judge of compensation, in summary
43 fashion, and in addition to such other provisions under the workers'
44 compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., may:

45 a. order the non-compliant party to retract the medical charges
46 reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
47 collection facility;

1 b. impose a fine on the non-compliant party, not to exceed
2 \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

3 c. order a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant
4 for medical payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due
5 to the reporting of unpaid medical charges to a collection or credit
6 reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

7 d. order the non-compliant party to take such steps as are
8 necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit
9 record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts
10 made in that regard; and

11 e. order an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25
12 percent of the medical charges reported by the non-compliant party
13 to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
14 collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.00.

15 (cf: P.L.2012, c.67, s.1)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 STATEMENT
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22 This bill prohibits a provider of medical benefits or services who
23 has been paid in part or in whole, or who may be payable, or who
24 has been alleged to be payable in part or in whole by an employer
25 or its carrier or its third party administrator pursuant to the workers'
26 compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion
27 of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or
28 credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under
29 the bill, a medical provider may only report such charges when a
30 judge of compensation within the Division of Workers'
31 Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all
32 parties, including the rights of the claimant for medical payments,
33 regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a
34 stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding
35 the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

36 Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill,
37 a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers'
38 Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers'
39 compensation law, may:

40 a. order the non-compliant party to retract the medical charges
41 reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data
42 collection facility;

43 b. impose a fine on the non-compliant party, not to exceed
44 \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

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6 percent of the medical charges reported by the non-compliant party
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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1697

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1697, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended by the committee, prohibits a provider to an injured worker of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq., from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant regarding the payment of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

a. order the non-compliant provider to retract the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

b. impose a fine on the non-compliant provider, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;

c. order the non-compliant provider to pay a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant for payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of unpaid medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;

d. order the non-compliant provider to take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts made in that regard; and

e. order a non-compliant provider to pay an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service reported by the non-compliant provider

to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to clarify that:

(1) Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may impose certain penalties on a non-compliant provider; and

(2) The bill applies to all providers to injured workers of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital services pursuant to the workers' compensation law, R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate annual State revenue increase to the Second Injury Fund due to the collection of any required fees and charges and any penalties resulting from violations of the provisions of the bill.

The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1697

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 16, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increase in State revenue, Second Injury Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

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- The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits a provider to an injured worker of medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service pursuant to the workers' compensation law from reporting any portion of their charges which are alleged to be unpaid, to any collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility. Under the bill, a provider may only report such charges when a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation has fully adjudicated the rights and liabilities of all parties, including the rights of the claimant for payments, regarding the payment

of these charges, or when a notice of a stipulation settlement or an order approving settlement regarding the payment of these charges has been filed with the court.

Upon a finding of non-compliance with the provisions of the bill, a judge of compensation within the Division of Workers' Compensation, in addition to other provisions under the workers' compensation law, may:

- a. order the non-compliant provider to retract the charges reported to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- b. impose a fine on the non-compliant provider, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund;
- c. order the non-compliant provider to pay a reasonable counsel fee in connection with a claimant for payments who has suffered damage to credit rating due to the reporting of unpaid medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service charges to a collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility;
- d. order the non-compliant provider to take such steps as are necessary, within 30 days of the order, to rehabilitate the credit record of a claimant, with a showing made to the court of the efforts made in that regard; and
- e. order a non-compliant provider to pay an award of damages to the claimant not to exceed 25 percent of the medical, surgical, other treatment, or hospital service reported by the non-compliant provider to the collection or credit reporting agency, bureau, or data collection facility, the minimum award being \$350.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that the bill will result in an indeterminate annual State revenue increase to the Second Injury Fund due to the collection of any required fees and charges and any penalties resulting from violations of the provisions of the bill. Penalties for non-compliance under the bill include a fine, not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the Second Injury Fund. The OLS does not have information available to accurately forecast the number of penalties or the total amount of penalties that could potentially be collected under the bill.

The OLS notes that, to the extent that workers' compensation courts may experience a rise in the caseload of claims, the bill may result in an indeterminate, likely marginal, annual cost increase to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Section: Commerce, Labor and Industry
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Approved: Frank W. Haines III
 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

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

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak) – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey) – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson) – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey) – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake) – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz) – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti) – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land) – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain) – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy) – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese) – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land) – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey) – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy) – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin) – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones) – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker) – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez) – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli) – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land) – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain) – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker) – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi) – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce) – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin) – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz) – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz) – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado) – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak) – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado) – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez) – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo) – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman) – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado) – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari) – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney) – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown) – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg) – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale) – Expands hospital reporting requirements

A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey) – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado) – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton) – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton) – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein) – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado) – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden) – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado) – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly) – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer) – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo) – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway) – Revises law relating to common interest communities

S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey) – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy) – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter) – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro) – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce) – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo) – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land) – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano) – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight) – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce) – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer) – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones) – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin) – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin) – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones) – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack) – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden) – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho) – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale) – Concerns payment of independent contractors

A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho) – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak) – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan) – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan) – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana) – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado) – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney) – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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