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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 492, *approved January 21, 2020*  
Assembly, No. 4954 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning trauma counseling for emergency services  
2 personnel and amending P.L.2013, c.233.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.233 (C.2A:84A-22.17) is amended  
8 to read as follows:

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11 enforcement agency, emergency medical service unit, fire  
12 department or force, emergency communications provider,  
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14 company, volunteer emergency, ambulance or rescue squad  
15 association or organization, an authorized representative of a  
16 collective bargaining unit or organization representing law  
17 enforcement officers or firefighters, or any private citizen  
18 designated by an emergency services provider to provide crisis  
19 assistance services who is certified by <sup>2</sup>**[the International Critical**  
20 Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. or another] an<sup>2</sup> entity designated  
21 by the Commissioner of <sup>1</sup>**[Health] Human Services<sup>1</sup>** to certify  
22 individuals to provide crisis assistance services.

23 “Crisis assistance program” means a program established by an  
24 emergency services provider to provide crisis assistance services to  
25 employees and volunteers who, while providing emergency  
26 services, have been involved in incidents which may produce  
27 personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other  
28 psychological or emotional tensions, traumas, pressures, or  
29 disorders. Such incidents may include, but shall not be limited to:  
30 an event involving the firing of a weapon; significant or serious  
31 bodily injury; death; a terroristic act; a hostage situation; or  
32 personal injury.

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36 assistance program.

37 “Emergency services personnel” means a person who is  
38 employed as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical service  
39 technician, firefighter, emergency communications operator, or in  
40 some related occupation or profession, or who serves as a volunteer  
41 member of a fire department, duly incorporated fire or first aid

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted November 18, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 12, 2019.

1 company, volunteer emergency, ambulance or rescue squad  
2 association or organization and provides emergency services for a  
3 local governmental unit.

4 "Emergency services provider" means a local law enforcement  
5 agency, emergency medical services unit, fire department or force,  
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10 **["Emergency assistance program"** means a program established  
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18 injury; death; a terroristic act; a hostage situation; or personal  
19 injury.

20 "Peer counselor" means a member of a law enforcement agency,  
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22 emergency communications provider, volunteer fire department,  
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25 authorized representative of a collective bargaining unit or  
26 organization representing law enforcement officers or firefighters,  
27 or any private citizen designated by an emergency services provider  
28 to provide post traumatic counseling and support services for  
29 emergency services personnel.]

30 b. Except as otherwise provided in subsection c. of this act:

31 (1) All information exchanged between a **[peer] certified crisis**  
32 **assistance** counselor and any emergency services personnel  
33 participating in **[an emergency] a crisis** assistance program shall be  
34 deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed to any other person;  
35 and

36 (2) A **[peer] certified crisis assistance** counselor shall be  
37 privileged against examination as a witness in any civil or criminal  
38 proceeding, or in any administrative or arbitration proceeding, with  
39 regard to the exchange of information that occurred in **[an**  
40 **emergency] a crisis** assistance program.

41 c. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to prohibit:

42 (1) A professional exchange of information between **[peer]**  
43 **certified crisis assistance** counselors, counseling supervisors, and  
44 appropriately licensed or certified psychologists, social workers, or  
45 mental health professionals designated by, or contracted by, the  
46 emergency services provider for the exclusive purpose of providing  
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1 have been involved in incidents which produced personal or job-  
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7 abuse; or

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9 crime.

10 d. (1) An individual who provides crisis assistance services  
11 pursuant to this section shall:

12 (a) be certified by <sup>2</sup>[the International Critical Incident Stress  
13 Foundation, Inc. or another] an<sup>2</sup> entity designated by the  
14 Commissioner of <sup>1</sup>[Health] Human Services<sup>1</sup> to certify individuals  
15 to provide crisis assistance services; and

16 (b) provide documentation and annual proof of certification to  
17 each emergency services provider employing the services of the  
18 certified crisis assistance counselor.

19 (2) An emergency services provider employing the services of a  
20 certified crisis assistance counselor shall maintain the  
21 documentation and proof of certification provided by the counselor  
22 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, which shall be made  
23 available to the <sup>1</sup>[Commissioner of Health] commissioner<sup>1</sup> upon  
24 request.

25 e. If an emergency services provider employing the services of  
26 a certified crisis assistance counselor determines that the counselor  
27 has violated the requirements of this section, the provider shall  
28 promptly notify the entity that certified the counselor of the  
29 violation. A counselor who violates the requirements of this section  
30 shall be considered decertified and shall be ineligible to provide  
31 crisis assistance services as a certified crisis assistance counselor  
32 for a period of five years from the date of decertification.

33 (cf: P.L.2013, c.233, s.1)

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support  
41 services to emergency services personnel.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4954

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 2019

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblywoman LINDA S. CARTER**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/26/2019)**

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16 collective bargaining unit or organization representing law  
17 enforcement officers or firefighters, or any private citizen  
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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

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22 authorized representative of a collective bargaining unit or  
23 organization representing law enforcement officers or firefighters,  
24 or any private citizen designated by an emergency services provider  
25 to provide post traumatic counseling and support services for  
26 emergency services personnel. **]**

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43 emergency services provider for the exclusive purpose of providing  
44 for the care and treatment of any emergency services personnel who  
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3 (3) An exchange of information relating to child abuse or elder  
4 abuse; or

5 (4) An exchange of information relating to the commission of a  
6 crime.

7 d. (1) An individual who provides crisis assistance services  
8 pursuant to this section shall:

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10 Foundation, Inc. or another entity designated by the Commissioner  
11 of Health to certify individuals to provide crisis assistance services;  
12 and

13 (b) provide documentation and annual proof of certification to  
14 each emergency services provider employing the services of the  
15 certified crisis assistance counselor.

16 (2) An emergency services provider employing the services of a  
17 certified crisis assistance counselor shall maintain the  
18 documentation and proof of certification provided by the counselor  
19 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, which shall be made  
20 available to the Commissioner of Health upon request.

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27 crisis assistance services as a certified crisis assistance counselor  
28 for a period of five years from the date of decertification.

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#### STATEMENT

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36 This bill revises the requirements to provide counseling and  
37 support services to emergency services personnel following a  
38 traumatic incident.

39 Current law establishes an evidentiary privilege for any  
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43 emergency services personnel who were involved in an incident that  
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ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4954**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4954.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4954 revises the requirements to provide counseling and support services to emergency services personnel following a traumatic incident.

Current law establishes an evidentiary privilege for any information exchanged between emergency services personnel and peer counselors. Peer counselors are other emergency services personnel who provide post-traumatic stress counseling and support services to emergency services personnel who were involved in an incident that could produce personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress or other psychological or emotional tensions, traumas, pressures, or disorders. Peer counseling services are provided through programs established by individual emergency services providers, including local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services squads, fire departments, emergency communications providers, and volunteer emergency, ambulance, and rescue squads.

As amended, this bill provides that individuals providing counseling services are required to be certified by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. or a similar entity designated by the commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services. Certified crisis assistance counselors are required to provide documentation and annual proof of certification to any emergency services provider employing the counselor's services, and this documentation and proof are to be maintained by the provider and made available to the commissioner. If an emergency services provider employing the services of a certified crisis assistance counselor determines that the counselor has violated the requirements of the crisis assistance law, the provider is to promptly notify the entity that certified the counselor of the violation; the counselor will be considered decertified and will be ineligible to provide crisis

assistance services for a period of five years from the date of decertification.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to provide that designation of a certification entity would be made by the Commissioner of Human Services. Under the bill as introduced, the Commissioner of Health was required to make this designation.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4954**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4954.

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As reported by the committee with amendments, Assembly Bill No. 4954 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3368, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments remove a requirement that counseling services be provided by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc., or a similar entity, to provide that counseling services be provided by an entity certified by the Commissioner of Human Services.

**SENATE, No. 3368**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2019

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator TROY SINGLETON**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**S3368 SINGLETON, GREENSTEIN**

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3368**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3368.

As amended, this bill revises the requirements to provide counseling and support services to emergency services personnel following a traumatic incident.

Current law establishes an evidentiary privilege for any information exchanged between emergency services personnel and peer counselors, who are other emergency services personnel who provide post-traumatic stress counseling and support services to emergency services personnel who were involved in an incident that could produce personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress or other psychological or emotional tensions, traumas, pressures, or disorders. Peer counseling services are provided through programs established by individual emergency services providers, including local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services squads, fire departments, emergency communications providers, and volunteer emergency, ambulance, and rescue squads.

This bill provides that individuals providing counseling services are required to be certified by an entity designated by the Commissioner of Health. Certified crisis assistance counselors are required to provide documentation and annual proof of certification to any emergency services provider employing the counselor's services, which documentation and proof are to be maintained by the provider and made available to the Commissioner of Human Services upon request. If an emergency services provider employing the services of a certified crisis assistance counselor determines that the counselor has violated the requirements of the crisis assistance law, the provider is to promptly notify the entity that certified the counselor of the violation; the counselor will be considered decertified and will be ineligible to provide crisis assistance services for a period of five years from the date of decertification.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 3368 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4954 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise references to the Commissioner of Health to instead reference the Commissioner of Human Services.

The committee amendments remove a requirement that counseling services be provided by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc., or a similar entity, to provide that counseling services be provided by an entity certified by the Commissioner of Human Services.

# 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 Huttel/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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