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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 289, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, 3554 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning respite care and amending P.L.1987, c.119.

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

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7 as follows:

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10 person who is 18 years of age or older and who has the primary
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12 who does not receive financial remuneration for the care.

13 b. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State
14 Department of Human Services.

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19 Services.

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21 years of age or older who would become at risk of long-term
22 institutional placement if his regular caregiver could not continue in
23 that role without the assistance of temporary home and community
24 support services, including respite care. The term includes an
25 eligible veteran as defined in this section.

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33 agency or proprietary agency which is licensed, certified, or
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35 combination of services described in subsection h. of this section.

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37 temporary, short-term care for, or the supervision of, an eligible
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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted February 12, 2015.

1 commissioner. Respite includes, but is not limited to, the following
2 services:

- 3 (1) companion or sitter services;
- 4 (2) homemaker and personal care services;
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17 care based on the veteran's income or liquid resources ¹if they do
18 not exceed \$80,000 for a couple or \$60,000 for a single person¹.

19 (cf: P.L.1987, c.119, s.4)

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 _____
27 Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain
veterans.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3554

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 11, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Giblin, Johnson, Lagana, Conaway, Eustace,

Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttler, Tucker, Assemblymen Fuentes,

Singleton, DeAngelo, Assemblywoman Stender, Assemblyman Cryan,

Assemblywomen Spencer, Jimenez, Assemblyman Garcia,

Assemblywomen Lampitt, Gove and Assemblyman Rumpf

SYNOPSIS

Eliminates income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill would provide that certain military veterans who have a
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20 respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program
21 based on the veteran's income or liquid resources.

22 Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to
23 qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of
24 the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an
25 individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid
26 resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000
27 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver. This bill
28 would require that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or
29 after September 11, 2001, and who has a functional impairment
30 arising out of that service, is not subject to these eligibility
31 restrictions.

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3554

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3554.

Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver. This bill, as amended, would require that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or after September 11, 2001, who has been honorably discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, who meets the requirements for total disability ratings for compensation based upon unemployability of the individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who has a functional impairment arising out of that service, is subject to higher income eligibility restrictions.

This bill would provide that certain military veterans who have a functional impairment may not be found to be ineligible to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program based on the veteran's income or liquid resources if they do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the discharge must be under conditions other than dishonorable, require the service member to meet the requirements for a total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of that individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and add a maximum income or liquid resources level of \$80,000 for a couple and \$60,000 for a single person.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3554

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 16, 2015

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R).

This bill increases the income eligibility limits for certain veterans to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program.

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This bill requires that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or after September 11, 2001, who has been honorably discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, who meets the requirements for total disability ratings for compensation based upon unemployability of the individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who has a functional impairment arising out of that service, is subject to higher income eligibility restrictions. This bill provides that those veterans may not be found to be ineligible to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program based on the veteran's income or liquid resources if they do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill may have a possible, indeterminate, minimal, impact on expenditures for the Statewide Respite Care Program by the Department of Human Services. The bill may increase the number of individuals who are

eligible for the program by expanding the eligibility for a certain group of veterans; however, the program currently operates at, or near, capacity and there is usually a waiting list for the services. In the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new costs for the program.

The OLS cannot determine with any certainty the additional number of individuals who may apply for the respite program due to the expanded eligibility requirements pursuant to this bill. However, if the number of participants in the Statewide Respite Care Program is increased, each participant is estimated to cost the State an additional \$4,500, which is the maximum amount of respite services available to individuals each calendar year (N.J.A.C.10:164B-6.1). Some of these costs may be offset by co-payment fees for respite care services, which are set on a sliding scale, depending on the individual's monthly income. (N.J.A.C.10:164B-6.2).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3554

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 19, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans.
- Type of Impact:** A possible, indeterminate, minimal, expenditure increase from the Casino Revenue Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Years 1 – 3
State Cost	Possible, indeterminate, minimal, expenditure increase

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R) will increase the number of individuals eligible for the Statewide Respite Care Program administered by the Department of Human Services which may result in a minimal, indeterminate, expenditure increase from the Casino Revenue Fund.
- The OLS notes that the program currently operates at capacity and generally appropriates all of its funds each year on its current eligible enrollees. While this bill will increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the program, in the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new expenditures for the program.
- If the overall budget for the Statewide Respite Care Program is increased, each additional slot is estimated to cost approximately \$4,500. However, the OLS cannot determine with any certainty the number of individuals who will meet the expanded requirements for respite care pursuant to this bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R) of 2014 provides for an expansion of current eligibility requirements for the Statewide Care Respite Program for certain veterans. Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver.

This bill would require that certain veterans may be eligible for the program if they have income or liquid resources that do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R) may have a possible, indeterminate, minimal, impact on expenditures for the Statewide Respite Care Program by the Department of Human Services. Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R) may increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the program by expanding the eligibility for a certain group of veterans; however, the program currently operates at, or near, capacity and there is usually a waiting list for the services. In the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new costs for the program.

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Section: Human Services

Analyst: Robin Ford
Senior Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

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

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3554

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R).

This bill increases the income eligibility limits for certain veterans to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R), as also reported by the committee.

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SENATE, No. 2606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 8, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

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48 eligible persons to be served in each county or region, based upon

1 the service and cost limitations promulgated by the commissioner
2 and the county allocation and other funds which may be available
3 for the purposes of this act, and shall not admit or serve more
4 eligible persons than can be afforded with available resources.
5 Each sponsor shall maintain a waiting list of those eligible persons
6 awaiting receipt of respite care, according to standards promulgated
7 by the commissioner.

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an
9 eligible veteran shall not be found to be ineligible to receive respite
10 care based on the veteran's income or liquid resources.

11 (cf: P.L.1987, c.119, s.4)

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13 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill would provide that certain military veterans who have a
19 functional impairment may not be found to be ineligible to receive
20 respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program
21 based on the veteran's income or liquid resources.

22 Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to
23 qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of
24 the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an
25 individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid
26 resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000
27 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver. This bill
28 would require that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or
29 after September 11, 2001, and who has a functional impairment
30 arising out of that service, is not subject to these eligibility
31 restrictions.

32 Respite care provides a form of relief and support to caregivers
33 who provide home care for family and loved ones who are elderly
34 or who have a functional impairment, often without pay. Respite
35 care can take the form of companion or sitter services, homemaker
36 and personal care services, adult day care, short-term inpatient care,
37 emergency care, and peer support and training for caregivers.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2606

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2015

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2606.

Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver. This bill, as amended, would require that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or after September 11, 2001, who has been honorably discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, who meets the requirements for total disability ratings for compensation based upon unemployability of the individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who has a functional impairment arising out of that service, is subject to higher income eligibility restrictions.

This bill would provide that certain military veterans who have a functional impairment may not be found to be ineligible to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program based on the veteran's income or liquid resources if they do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

Respite care provides a form of relief and support to caregivers who provide home care for family and loved ones who are elderly or who have a functional impairment, often without pay. Respite care can take the form of companion or sitter services, homemaker and personal care services, adult day care, short-term inpatient care, emergency care, and peer support and training for caregivers.

As amended, Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R) of the 2014-2015 session.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the discharge must be under conditions other than dishonorable, require the service member to meet the requirements for a total disability ratings for

compensation based on unemployability of that individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and add a maximum income or liquid resources level of \$80,000 for a couple and \$60,000 for a single person.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2606 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans.

Type of Impact: Potential, indeterminate, minimal, expenditure increase from the Casino Revenue Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Human Services.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Years 1 – 3
State Cost	Potential, indeterminate, minimal, expenditure increase

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R) will increase the number of individuals eligible for the Statewide Respite Care Program administered by the Department of Human Services which may result in a minimal, indeterminate, expenditure increase from the Casino Revenue Fund.
- The OLS notes that the program currently operates at capacity and generally appropriates all of its funds each year on its current eligible enrollees. While this bill will increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the program, in the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new expenditures for the program.
- If the overall budget for the Statewide Respite Care Program is increased, each additional slot is estimated to cost approximately \$4,500. However, the OLS cannot determine with any certainty the number of individuals who will meet the expanded requirements for respite care pursuant to this bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R) of 2014 provides for an expansion of current eligibility requirements for the Statewide Care Respite Program for certain veterans. Current regulations

provide that the maximum income level to qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver.

This bill would require that certain veterans may be eligible for the program if they have income or liquid resources that do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

Respite care provides a form of relief and support to caregivers who provide home care for family and loved ones who are elderly or who have a functional impairment, often without pay. Respite care can take the form of companion or sitter services, homemaker and personal care services, adult day care, short-term inpatient care, emergency care, and peer support and training for caregivers.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R) may have a potential, indeterminate, minimal, impact on expenditures for the Statewide Respite Care Program by the Department of Human Services. Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R) may increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the program by expanding the eligibility for a certain group of veterans; however, the program currently operates at, or near, capacity and there is usually a waiting list for the services. In the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new costs for the program.

The OLS cannot determine with any certainty the additional number of individuals who may apply for the respite program due to the expanded eligibility requirements pursuant to this bill. However, if the number of participants in the Statewide Respite Care Program is increased, each participant is estimated to cost the State an additional \$4,500, which is the maximum amount of respite services available to individuals each calendar year (N.J.A.C.10:164B-6.1). Some of these costs may be offset by co-payment fees for respite care services, which are set on a sliding scale, depending on the individual's monthly income. (N.J.A.C.10:164B-6.2).

Section: Human Services

Analyst: Robin Ford
Lead 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.).

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2606 (1R).

This bill increases the income eligibility limits for certain veterans to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program.

Respite care provides a form of relief and support to caregivers who provide home care for family and loved ones who are elderly or who have a functional impairment, often without pay. Respite care can take the form of companion or sitter services, homemaker and personal care services, adult day care, short-term inpatient care, emergency care, and peer support and training for caregivers.

Current regulations provide that the maximum income level to qualify for the Statewide Respite Care Program is 300 percent of the Federal Supplemental Security Income standard for an individual living alone, and that the person's maximum liquid resources may not exceed \$40,000 for a single person or \$60,000 for a couple who are both dependent on a caregiver.

This bill requires that a veteran who served in the U.S. military on or after September 11, 2001, who has been honorably discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, who meets the requirements for total disability ratings for compensation based upon unemployability of the individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who has a functional impairment arising out of that service, is subject to higher income eligibility restrictions. This bill provides that those veterans may not be found to be ineligible to receive respite care services under the Statewide Respite Care Program based on the veteran's income or liquid resources if they do not exceed \$60,000 for a single person or \$80,000 for a couple.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3554 (1R), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill may have a possible, indeterminate, minimal, impact on expenditures for the Statewide Respite Care Program by the Department of Human Services. The bill may increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the program by expanding the eligibility for a certain group of veterans; however, the program currently operates at, or near, capacity and there is usually a waiting list for services. In the absence of an increase in funds dedicated to the program, the newly eligible individuals will most likely not result in new costs for the program.

The OLS cannot determine the additional number of individuals who may apply for the respite program due to the expanded eligibility requirements of the bill. However, if the number of participants in the Statewide Respite Care Program is increased, each participant is estimated to cost the State an additional \$4,500, which is the maximum amount of respite services available to individuals each year. Some of these costs may be offset by co-payment fees for respite care services, which are set on a sliding scale, depending on the individual's monthly income.

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

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Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferral for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **A-4323/S-2952 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Muoio, Benson/Beach, Whelan)** - Expands timeframe for renewal of driver's license, registration, and inspection by military personnel and immediate family members under certain circumstances.
- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

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

BILL SIGNINGS:

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsén)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis
- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased
- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees
- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services
- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD
- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions
- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof
- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"
- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications
- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm
- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation
- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments
- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment
- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsén, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Rible, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

- **A-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

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

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"
- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician
- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers
- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes
- **A-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail
- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"
- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency
- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers
- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State
- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses
- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"
- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth
- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process
- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services

- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Danielsens, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects

- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them

- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttie)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs

- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttie)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed

- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program

- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes

- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements

- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate

- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto

- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances

- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits

- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns

- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property

- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttie)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

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

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

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

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