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Senate, No. 1346 (*Second Reprint*)

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2 P.L.1975, c.137 and P.L.1999, c.40, and supplementing chapter  
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13 record of assignment or by the original mortgage recording in the  
14 records of the county clerk or the register of deeds and mortgages,  
15 as appropriate to the county in which the mortgaged property is  
16 located, or

17 (2) found to be the holder of the mortgage in a civil action  
18 joining as defendants the record holder of the mortgage, the  
19 mortgagor, and any other person known to have an interest in the  
20 mortgage.

21 <sup>1</sup>c. The provisions of this section shall not abridge, impair,  
22 invalidate, or supersede any other rights, under law, of any person  
23 known to have an interest in a mortgage.<sup>1</sup>

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33 satisfaction. If the mortgagee has not complied within 15 business  
34 days after receipt of the written notice from the mortgagor or  
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37 day after the 15-day period until compliance, except that the total

**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>**Senate floor amendments adopted June 12, 2014.**

<sup>2</sup>**Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 11, 2016.**

1 fine imposed pursuant to this paragraph (1) shall not exceed  
2 \$1,000.

3 (2) If the mortgagee **【, his agent or assigns】** fails to comply with  
4 the applicable provisions of section 1 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-  
5 11.2), the purchaser or the purchaser's agent may serve the  
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22 c. (1) If a mortgagee **【, his agent or assigns】** has not applied to  
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26 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section, the mortgagee shall be  
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46 (cf: P.L.1999, c.272, s.2)

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2 read as follows:

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9 unless 20 days written notice is given to the mortgagee prior to  
10 institution of suit.

11 (cf: P.L.1975, c.137, s.3)

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18 real property or condominium, which is occupied, or is to be  
19 occupied, by the debtor, who is a natural person, or a member of the  
20 debtor's immediate family, as that person's residence. The  
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22 C.46:18-11.7) shall apply to all residential mortgages wherever  
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9 <sup>2</sup>[6.] 5.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day next  
10 following enactment.

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**SENATE, No. 1346**

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

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2014

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator RONALD L. RICE**  
**District 28 (Essex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**  
**Senator Stack**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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STATEMENT

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This bill would revise current law regarding the recording of mortgages, in response to the findings from a study of mortgage recording law undertaken by the New Jersey Law Revision Commission.

The bill would require that only the established holder of a mortgage could take action to foreclose a mortgage; and would define “established holder of a mortgage” as either the record holder of the mortgage as established by the latest record of assignment or by the original mortgage recording in the records of the county clerk or the register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate to the county in which the mortgaged property is located, or the entity found to be the holder of the mortgage in a civil action joining as defendants the record holder of the mortgage, the mortgagor, and any other person known to have an interest in the mortgage.

The bill would also make it the responsibility of a mortgage servicer to advise, in writing, each mortgagor whose mortgage the mortgage servicer is servicing of the name, address and telephone number of the mortgage servicer. Under the bill, a mortgagor who is misinformed as to the identity of the mortgage servicer and who pays another mortgage servicer in error cannot be required to make an additional payment to the actual mortgage servicer. The actual mortgage servicer shall be required to contact the mortgage servicer who was paid in error by the mortgagor to obtain the payment from that entity on the mortgagor’s behalf.

The New Jersey Law Revision Commission recommended these changes to current mortgage recording law due to several relatively recent practices concerning mortgages. In its report, the commission notes that the business that initiates a mortgage may well transfer it immediately; and typically, a mortgage will be transferred a number of times. Some mortgages become security for bonds and are held by a trustee for the bondholders. Others are held and traded through other investment vehicles. Mortgages are managed by mortgage servicers that usually do not own the mortgage. There are difficulties in proving that the plaintiff is the proper party to foreclose. The provisions of this bill would address these concerns by stating that only the established holder of a mortgage may foreclose a mortgage.

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ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1346**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2014

The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1346 (1R).

This bill would revise current law regarding the recording of mortgages, in response to the findings from a study of mortgage recording law undertaken by the New Jersey Law Revision Commission.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3837, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1346

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2014

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STATEMENT TO  
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with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator RICE)

ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2014

These Senate amendments would provide that the provisions of section 1 of the bill would not abridge, impair, invalidate, or supersede any other rights, under law, of any person known to have an interest in a mortgage.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3837

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 23, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman CARMELO G. GARCIA**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman MARIA RODRIGUEZ-GREGG**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

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**District 29 (Essex)**

**Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns the recording of mortgages.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/17/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning the recording of mortgages, amending  
2 P.L.1975, c.137 and P.L.1999, c.40, and supplementing chapter  
3 18 of Title 46 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. (New section) a. Only the established holder of a mortgage  
9 shall take action to foreclose a mortgage.

10 b. A person, or entity, is the “established holder of a mortgage”  
11 if that person, or entity, is:

12 (1) the record holder of the mortgage as established by the latest  
13 record of assignment or by the original mortgage recording in the  
14 records of the county clerk or the register of deeds and mortgages,  
15 as appropriate to the county in which the mortgaged property is  
16 located, or

17 (2) found to be the holder of the mortgage in a civil action  
18 joining as defendants the record holder of the mortgage, the  
19 mortgagor, and any other person known to have an interest in the  
20 mortgage.

21 c. The provisions of this section shall not abridge, impair,  
22 invalidate, or supersede any other rights, under law, of any person  
23 known to have an interest in a mortgage.

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25 2. Section 2 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-11.3) is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 2. a. (1) If the mortgagee **【**, his agent or assigns**】** fails to  
28 comply with the applicable provisions of subsection a. or b. of  
29 section 1 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-11.2) , the mortgagor or the  
30 mortgagor's agent may serve the mortgagee **【**or his assigns**】** with  
31 written notice of the noncompliance, which notice shall identify the  
32 mortgage and the date and means of its redemption, payment and  
33 satisfaction. If the mortgagee has not complied within 15 business  
34 days after receipt of the written notice from the mortgagor or  
35 mortgagor's agent pursuant to this paragraph (1) , the mortgagee  
36 **【**or his assigns**】** shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for each  
37 day after the 15-day period until compliance, except that the total  
38 fine imposed pursuant to this paragraph (1) shall not exceed  
39 \$1,000.

40 (2) If the mortgagee **【**, his agent or assigns**】** fails to comply with  
41 the applicable provisions of section 1 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-  
42 11.2), the purchaser or the purchaser's agent may serve the  
43 mortgagee **【**or his assigns**】** with written notice of the  
44 noncompliance, which notice shall identify the mortgage and the  
45 date and means of its redemption, payment and satisfaction. If the

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 mortgagee has not complied within 15 business days after receipt of  
2 the written notice from the purchaser or purchaser's agent pursuant  
3 to this paragraph (2), the mortgagee **【or his assigns】** shall be  
4 subject to a fine of \$50 per day for each day after the 15-day period  
5 until compliance, except that the total fine imposed pursuant to this  
6 paragraph (2) shall not exceed \$1,000.

7 b. Of each fine collected pursuant to subsection a. of this  
8 section, 100% shall be payable to the private citizen instituting the  
9 action. The fine may be collected by summary proceedings  
10 instituted by a private citizen or the Attorney General in accordance  
11 with **【"the penalty enforcement law" (N.J.S.2A:58-1 et seq.)】** the  
12 "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10  
13 et seq.).

14 c. (1) If a mortgagee **【, his agent or assigns】** has not applied to  
15 the county recording officer to cancel the mortgage of record  
16 pursuant to subsection a. or b. of section 1 of P.L.1975, c.137  
17 (C.46:18-11.2), within the 15 business day period provided by  
18 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section, the mortgagee shall be  
19 liable to the mortgagor for the greater of the mortgagor's actual  
20 damages or the sum of \$1,000, less any fines recovered by the  
21 mortgagor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. and  
22 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of this section. In any successful  
23 action to recover damages pursuant to this paragraph (1), the  
24 mortgagee shall reimburse the mortgagor for the costs of the action  
25 including the mortgagor's reasonable attorneys' fees.

26 (2) If a mortgagee **【, his agent or assigns】** has not applied to the  
27 county recording officer to cancel the mortgage of record pursuant  
28 to subsection a. or b. of section 1 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-11.2),  
29 within the 15 business day period provided by paragraph (2) of  
30 subsection a. of this section, the mortgagee shall be liable to the  
31 purchaser for the greater of the purchaser's actual damages or the  
32 sum of \$1,000, less any fines recovered by the purchaser pursuant  
33 to paragraph (2) of subsection a. and paragraph (2) of subsection b.  
34 of this section. In any successful action to recover damages  
35 pursuant to this paragraph (2), the mortgagee shall reimburse the  
36 purchaser for the costs of the action including the purchaser's  
37 reasonable attorneys' fees.

38 (cf: P.L.1999, c.272, s.2)

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40 3. Section 3 of P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-11.4) is amended to  
41 read as follows:

42 3. Any mortgagee **【or his assigns】** who **【fail】** fails to comply  
43 with section 1 of **【this act】** P.L.1975, c.137 (C.46:18-11.2) shall be  
44 liable to the mortgagor, or his heirs, successors or assigns who have  
45 an interest in the mortgaged premises for the cost of any legal  
46 action to have the mortgage canceled of record, including  
47 reasonable attorneys' fees, but no attorneys' fees shall be allowed

1 unless 20 days written notice is given to the mortgagee prior to  
2 institution of suit.

3 (cf: P.L.1975, c.137, s.3)

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5 4. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.40 (C.46:18-11.5) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 1. As used in this act:

8 "Mortgage" means a residential mortgage, security interest or the  
9 like, in which the security is a residential property such as a house,  
10 real property or condominium, which is occupied, or is to be  
11 occupied, by the debtor, who is a natural person, or a member of the  
12 debtor's immediate family, as that person's residence. The  
13 provisions of sections 2 and 3 of P.L.1999, c.40 (C.46:18-11.6 and  
14 C.46:18-11.7) shall apply to all residential mortgages wherever  
15 made, which have as their security a residence in the State of New  
16 Jersey, provided that the real property which is the subject of the  
17 mortgage shall not have more than four dwelling units, one of  
18 which shall be, or is planned to be, occupied by the debtor or a  
19 member of the debtor's immediate family as the debtor's or family  
20 member's residence at the time the loan is originated.

21 "Pay-off letter" means a written document prepared by the holder  
22 or servicer of the mortgage being paid, which is dated not more than  
23 60 days prior to the date the mortgage is paid, and which contains a  
24 statement of all the sums due to satisfy the mortgage debt,  
25 including, but not limited to, interest accrued to the date the  
26 statement is prepared and a means of calculating per diem interest  
27 accruing thereafter.

28 "Mortgagee" means the holder of the mortgage reflected in the  
29 latest record filed with the county recording office. If the entity  
30 that is recorded as the holder of the mortgage is no longer in  
31 existence, "mortgagee" shall mean the entity that was authorized to  
32 receive the latest payment on the mortgage.

33 (cf: P.L.1999, c.40, s.1)

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35 5. (New section) It shall be the responsibility of a mortgage  
36 servicer to advise, in writing, each mortgagor whose mortgage the  
37 mortgage servicer is servicing, of the name, address, and telephone  
38 number of the mortgage servicer. A mortgagor who is misinformed  
39 as to the identity of the mortgage servicer, through fraud or error,  
40 and who pays another mortgage servicer in error shall not be  
41 required to make an additional payment to the actual mortgage  
42 servicer. The actual mortgage servicer shall be required to contact  
43 the mortgage servicer who was paid in error by the mortgagor to  
44 obtain the payment from that entity on the mortgagor's behalf. A  
45 payment made to the wrong mortgage servicer due to fraud or  
46 misinformation shall not be included as the basis for any  
47 foreclosure action.

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1       6. This act shall take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day next following  
2 enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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7       This bill would revise current law regarding the recording of  
8 mortgages, in response to the findings from a study of mortgage  
9 recording law undertaken by the New Jersey Law Revision  
10 Commission.

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12 mortgage could take action to foreclose a mortgage; and would  
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16 the county clerk or the register of deeds and mortgages, as  
17 appropriate to the county in which the mortgaged property is  
18 located, or the entity found to be the holder of the mortgage in a  
19 civil action joining as defendants the record holder of the mortgage,  
20 the mortgagor, and any other person known to have an interest in  
21 the mortgage. These requirements would not abridge, impair,  
22 invalidate, or supersede any other rights, under law, of any person  
23 known to have an interest in a mortgage.

24       The bill would also make it the responsibility of a mortgage  
25 servicer to advise, in writing, each mortgagor whose mortgage the  
26 mortgage servicer is servicing of the name, address and telephone  
27 number of the mortgage servicer. Under the bill, a mortgagor who  
28 is misinformed as to the identity of the mortgage servicer and who  
29 pays another mortgage servicer in error cannot be required to make  
30 an additional payment to the actual mortgage servicer. The actual  
31 mortgage servicer shall be required to contact the mortgage servicer  
32 who was paid in error by the mortgagor to obtain the payment from  
33 that entity on the mortgagor’s behalf.

34       The New Jersey Law Revision Commission recommended these  
35 changes to current mortgage recording law due to several relatively  
36 recent practices concerning mortgages. In its report, the  
37 commission notes that the business that initiates a mortgage may  
38 well transfer it immediately; and typically, a mortgage will be  
39 transferred a number of times. Some mortgages become security  
40 for bonds and are held by a trustee for the bondholders. Others are  
41 held and traded through other investment vehicles. Mortgages are  
42 managed by mortgage servicers that usually do not own the  
43 mortgage. There are difficulties in proving that the plaintiff is the  
44 proper party to foreclose. The provisions of this bill would address  
45 these concerns by stating that only the established holder of a  
46 mortgage may foreclose a mortgage.

47       Also, the commission heard testimony concerning fraud by  
48 persons claiming to be servicers of a mortgage. Apparently, there

1 have been situations where a criminal writes to mortgagors claiming  
2 to be the new servicer, signing the letter as the new servicer and  
3 forging a signature as the old servicer. If the mortgagor pays the  
4 criminal, there is a question of whether the mortgagor still owes a  
5 payment to the real mortgage holder. No case law currently exists  
6 on this subject in New Jersey. So, the commission suggested that  
7 the mortgagor should not have to make another payment. The bill  
8 would require that a mortgagor who is misinformed as to the  
9 identity of the mortgage servicer and who pays another mortgage  
10 servicer in error would not be required to make an additional  
11 payment to the actual mortgage servicer. The actual mortgage  
12 servicer would have to contact the mortgage servicer who was paid  
13 in error by the mortgagor to obtain the payment from that entity on  
14 the mortgagor's behalf.

ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3837**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2014

The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3837.

This bill would revise current law regarding the recording of mortgages, in response to the findings from a study of mortgage recording law undertaken by the New Jersey Law Revision Commission.

The bill would require that only the established holder of a mortgage could take action to foreclose a mortgage; and would define “established holder of a mortgage” as either the record holder of the mortgage as established by the latest record of assignment or by the original mortgage recording in the records of the county clerk or the register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate to the county in which the mortgaged property is located, or the entity found to be the holder of the mortgage in a civil action joining as defendants the record holder of the mortgage, the mortgagor, and any other person known to have an interest in the mortgage. These requirements would not abridge, impair, invalidate, or supersede any other rights, under law, of any person known to have an interest in a mortgage.

The bill would also make it the responsibility of a mortgage servicer to advise, in writing, each mortgagor whose mortgage the mortgage servicer is servicing of the name, address and telephone number of the mortgage servicer. Under the bill, a mortgagor who is misinformed as to the identity of the mortgage servicer and who pays another mortgage servicer in error cannot be required to make an additional payment to the actual mortgage servicer. The actual mortgage servicer shall be required to contact the mortgage servicer who was paid in error by the mortgagor to obtain the payment from that entity on the mortgagor’s behalf.

The New Jersey Law Revision Commission recommended these changes to current mortgage recording law due to several relatively recent practices concerning mortgages. In its report, the commission notes that the business that initiates a mortgage may well transfer it immediately; and typically, a mortgage will be transferred a number of times. Some mortgages become security for bonds and are held by a trustee for the bondholders. Others are held and traded through other



investment vehicles. Mortgages are managed by mortgage servicers that usually do not own the mortgage. There are difficulties in proving that the plaintiff is the proper party to foreclose. The provisions of this bill would address these concerns by stating that only the established holder of a mortgage may foreclose a mortgage.

Also, the commission heard testimony concerning fraud by persons claiming to be servicers of a mortgage. Apparently, there have been situations in which a criminal writes to mortgagors claiming to be the new servicer, signing the letter as the new servicer and forging a signature as the old servicer. If the mortgagor pays the criminal, there is a question of whether the mortgagor still owes a payment to the real mortgage holder. No case law currently exists on this subject in New Jersey. So, the commission suggested that the mortgagor should not have to make another payment. The bill would require that a mortgagor who is misinformed as to the identity of the mortgage servicer and who pays another mortgage servicer in error would not be required to make an additional payment to the actual mortgage servicer. The actual mortgage servicer would have to contact the mortgage servicer who was paid in error by the mortgagor to obtain the payment from that entity on the mortgagor's behalf.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1346 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

**SENATE BILL NO. 1346  
(First Reprint)**

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1346 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill makes changes to and supplements existing law regarding mortgages based upon recommendations from the New Jersey Law Revision Commission. The Commission studied issues relating to mortgage recording for two years and issued a report and recommendations on September 19, 2013. I appreciate the work of the Commission and support its efforts to bring greater clarity to this area of the law.

Sections 1 through 4 of this bill, which provide that the authority to file foreclosure actions and the authority and obligation to file satisfactions of mortgages should be based on the mortgage records in the county clerk's office, essentially mirror the recommendations of the Commission. However, Section 5 of the bill, which does not address mortgage recording, departs from the recommendations of the Commission. This section concerns a mortgagor who pays the wrong party when misinformed through fraud or error, requiring the proper mortgagee or servicer to seek redress from the party wrongfully paid, and prohibiting any foreclosure action that is based upon a payment made to the wrong party through fraud or misinformation.

The Commission's report identified a concern for situations where a mortgagor is the victim of criminal fraud perpetrated by a thief. I share that concern, but believe that Section 5 of the bill is overbroad in that it would be triggered not only by fraud, but also by any error, including a mortgagor's own error. This could have significant unintended consequences, including

impacts on the orderly progression of foreclosure actions and the burden on our courts. I am concerned that the adverse consequences resulting from the breadth and scope of Section 5 outweigh any perceived benefit, particularly since the Commission noted that the criminal fraud about which it was concerned is "very rare."

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 1346 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 4, Section 5, Lines 36-48: Delete in their entirety

Page 5, Section 6, Line 1: Delete "6." and insert "5."

Respectfully,

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today took action on legislation, including a bill aimed at helping inmates who were victims of domestic violence and a second bill designed to help non-violent drug offenders reclaim their lives by streamlining the process for expungement of their criminal records.

The Governor suggested minor changes to strengthen Senate Bill No. 995, which seeks to help domestic violence victims who have been convicted of crimes against their abusers by establishing a community reentry program to assist victim-offenders assimilate into society upon release from custody and prevent further victimization.

Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, proposing that the program be established solely in the Department of Corrections.

"The goal of this bill is commendable and I sincerely support its objective," Governor Christie said. "Domestic violence is tragic, and victims deserve support and counseling. However, the bill conflates the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Corrections and the State Parole Board, combining the agencies' separate residential program functions. Accordingly, I suggest minor amendments, in accordance with the intent of the legislation to establish this program within the Department of Corrections, consistent with its existing reintegration programming and tailored to the specific needs of this limited inmate population."

The bill as written also called for an automatic early release program for this specific subset of inmates upon successful completion of the reentry program, an element of the bill that Governor Christie does not support.

"I cannot support the creation of early release programs because they would begin to chisel away at the long-standing function of the State Parole Board," Governor Christie said. "For decades, the State Parole Board has faithfully fulfilled its charge to carefully review and consider the underlying facts and circumstances of each applicant for parole. While I continue to encourage the Legislature to explore reforms that will create efficiencies in State government, I remain grounded in my belief that the review of parole applications is best accomplished through the reasoned, compassionate, experienced and individualized judgment of the State Parole Board and not through an automatic process based upon one factor."

Governor Christie similarly took action to strengthen the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bills Nos. 206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060 and 3108, and urged quick approval from the Legislature.

The bill proposes to allow those who have successfully completed the Drug Court program to expunge the related criminal charges, and it further aims to make the expungement process more efficient.

Seeking to balance the needs of non-violent ex-offenders with public safety, Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, retaining the current waiting period for expungements for indictable offenses, currently 10 years, or five years if a court determines that expungement is in the public's interest.

"While I support breaking down barriers to employment and education for non-violent ex-offenders, I cannot endorse a bill that compromises public safety," Governor Christie said. "As written, this bill would cut in half the presumptive waiting period to expunge indictable offenses, often felonies, from ten years to five years, and eliminate an important safeguard which allows a judge to consider whether granting an expungement is in the public's interest. The current public interest exception to the presumptive waiting period is an effective and efficient way to help ex-offenders combat the collateral consequences of their offense, while also ensuring that public safety is not compromised."

Governor Christie further suggested retaining the five-year waiting period for disorderly persons offenses, while adopting the bill's provision to lower this waiting period to three years, if a court determines that expungement is in the public interest.

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

#### **BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-475/A-3223 (Madden, Sweeney/Mosquera, Webber, Moriarty, Mukherji, Garcia, Munoz, Lampitt)** - Requires certain information regarding Down syndrome be provided to certain parents and families

**S-650 (Doherty, Beach/DiMaio, Andrzejczak, Peterson, DeAngelo)** - Designates State Route 173 between Clinton and Phillipsburg as "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway"

**S-835/A-1972 (Bateman/Garcia, Danielson)** - Enhances penalties for false incrimination and making fictitious reports

**S-939/A-2913 (Bateman, A.R. Bucco/Caride, Dancer, A.M. Bucco)** - Designates Black Swallowtail butterfly as State Butterfly

**S-1940/A-2893 (Oroho, Van Drew/Burzichelli, Space)** - Exempts board of education and local government payments to entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification requirements

**S-2145/A-631 (Van Drew, Madden/Moriarty, Burzichelli, Tucker, DeAngelo, Danielson, Mukherji)** - Authorizes hiring preference for veterans in non-civil service jurisdictions

**S-2301/A-3522 (Greenstein, Stack/Stender, Mukherji, Lagana, Diegnan)** - Regulates pharmacy benefits managers and requires certain disclosures concerning multiple source generic drug pricing

**S-2432/A-4720 (Madden/Moriarty, Mosquera)** - Requires notification of member or retiree of State-administered retirement system under certain circumstances when member or retiree requests change in beneficiary for group life insurance

**S-2453/A-3805 (Weinberg, Allen/Burzichelli, Singleton)** - Requires earlier mandatory polling hours for school elections; requires discretionary additional polling hours be consistent with current primary and general elections

**S-2523/A-3917 (Gill, Greenstein, Benson/DeAngelo, Johnson)** - Permits municipalities and municipal parking authorities to create Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program

**SCS for S-2586, 2587, A-3217, and 3218 (Stack, Cunningham, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Garcia)** - Requires certain sanitary and protective procedures for used mattresses

**SCS for S-2668/A-4270 (Beach, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Spencer, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes "MVP Emergency Alert System" for missing persons with mental, intellectual, or developmental disabilities

**SS for S-2770/AS for A-3956 (Sweeney, Addiego/Lampitt, Greenwald, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Mazzeo)** - Authorizes establishment of Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts for persons with certain disabilities

**S-2940/A-4531 (Singer, Sweeney/Spencer, Benson, Casagrande, Muoio)** - Creates new criminal offenses concerning endangering another person; repeals N.J.S.2C:12-2 and N.J.S.2C:24-7

**S-2961/A-4188 (Codey, Vitale/Garcia, Lagana, Taliaferro, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsens, Holley, Benson, Jimenez)** - Clarifies that Alzheimer's disease and related disorders may be listed as secondary cause of death on death certificate when appropriate

**S-2978/A-4194 (Van Drew, Oroho/Burzichelli, Spencer, Rumana, Webber, Benson)** - Authorizes mobile electronic waste destruction units to operate without DEP permit

**S-3004/A-4685 (Cunningham, Van Drew/Andrzejczak, Johnson, Muoio, Wimberly)** - Permits municipality with UEZ to participate in Downtown Business Improvements Zone Loan Fund

**S-3076/A-4621 (Weinberg, Bateman/Johnson, Caride)** - Increases maximum legal fee to represent victims from \$1,000 to \$3,000

**S-3110/A-4617 (Scutari/Johnson, Webber)** - Permits certain health clubs to offer swimming lessons and otherwise remain exempt from first aid personnel and lifeguarding requirements

**S-3117/A-4781 (Gordon, Bateman, Sweeney, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Eustace, Gusciora, Lampitt, Angelini, Moriarty)** - Prohibits Division of Developmental Disabilities from compelling transfers of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State facilities unless certain exceptions apply

**S-3220/A-4790 (Sweeney, O'Toole, Vitale/Greenwald, Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Handlin, Garcia)** - Establishes a process to integrate certain health data and other data from publicly supported programs for population health research

**S-3232/A-4834 (Sarlo, Oroho/Lagana, Burzichelli, Schaer, DeAngelo, Phoebus)** - Allows businesses due to receive grant under Business Employment Incentive Program to receive tax credit instead of grant

**S-3270/A-4705 (Gill, Bateman/Schaer, Coughlin, Lagana, S. Kean, Ciattarelli)** - "Certificates of Insurance Act;" governs use of certificates of insurance; provides DOBI with enforcement authority

**SJR-81/AJR-122 (Barnes/Vainieri Huttle, Schaer, Lampitt)** - Condemns Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel

**A-308/S-2203 (Russo, Rumana/O'Toole, Smith)** - Prohibits escrow agent evaluation services from charging escrow agents fees

**A-1098/S-671 (Vainieri Huttle, Eustace, Diegnan, Giblin/Pou, Sarlo, Weinberg)** - Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities

**A-1355/S-2963 (Stender, Lampitt, Holley, Moriarty/T. Kean, Vitale)** - Requires DOH to provide information about crib safety on its Internet website

**A-1783/S-2020 (McKeon, Rible, Sumter, Moriarty/Vitale, Cunningham)** - "Art Therapist Licensing Act"

**A-2023/S-2675 (Greenwald, Benson/Cruz-Perez)** - Revises definition of "responsible charge" as it pertains to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects

**A-2229 (Wisniewski, Diegnan)** - Concerns contracts for asphalt work under the "Local Public Contracts Law"

**A-2301/S-1481 (Andrzejczak/Van Drew)** - Designates certain interchanges of Garden State Parkway in honor of Melvin M. Loftus and Christopher Meyer

**A-3052/S-1090 (Mazzeo, Pinkin, Mukherji, Wimberly/A.R. Bucco, Whelan)** - Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property damaged or destroyed during, or as the result of, a natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor

**A-3246/S-3069 (Dancer, Burzichelli, Vainieri Huttle/Oroho, Sarlo)** - Requires timeframe of standardbred mare residing in New Jersey breeding farm be inclusive of foaling instead of between foal's conception and birth

**A-3293/S-2146 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Pinkin, Webber, Simon, Mukherji/Van Drew, Doherty)** - Allows military personnel and veterans to present certain identifying documents in lieu of municipal beach tags to gain admission to certain beaches

**A-3331/S-3111 (Benson, Rodriguez-Gregg, Coughlin/Gill, Beach)** - Requires health benefits coverage for synchronization of prescribed medications under certain circumstances

**A-3390/S-2309 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Webber, Diegnan/Vitale)** - Permits transmittal of certain land use documents via email

**A-3395/S-2294 (Wisniewski/Sacco)** - Allows insurer to obtain certificates of ownership or salvage certificates of title for motor vehicles under certain circumstances

**A-3499/S-2256 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Johnson, Pinkin, DeAngelo/Van Drew)** - Requires DMVA to encourage and facilitate returning service members' registration with VA

**A-3507/S-2677 (Eustace, Webber, Munoz, Schepisi, Rumana/Gordon, Sarlo)** - Amends law concerning county and municipal stream cleaning activities

**A-3749/S-2568 (Lampitt, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pinkin/Beach, Allen)** - Establishes program to provide assistance to qualified veterans in in-patient and out-patient treatment programs to travel to medical counseling in State

**A-3849/SCS for S-2466 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to provide links to pricing information to customers from electric and gas public utilities, and third-party electric power and gas suppliers

**A-3950/S-2832 (Prieto, Jimenez, Quijano/Greenstein, Turner)** - Permits correctional facilities to utilize body imaging scanning equipment

**A-4079/S-2819 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson, Dancer/Van Drew, Beach)** - Directs Department of Agriculture to publish on its website "New Jersey Gleaning Week" and "Farmers Against Hunger Day" page

**A-4094/S-2884 (Conaway, Singleton, Wimberly, Lampitt, Benson/Whelan, Madden)** - Permits administration of epinephrine auto-injector device by persons who complete approved educational program

**A-4438/S-3202 (Mukherji, Burzichelli/Scutari, Madden)** - Raises maximum workers' compensation fees for evaluating physicians

**A-4518/S-3010 (Schaer, Eustace, Benson, Pintor Marin/Sarlo)** - Modifies and clarifies provisions of certain economic incentive programs

**AJR-57/SJR-42 (Space/Oroho)** - Designates April of each year as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month"

**AJR-93/SJR-73 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Designates third week of September as "New Jersey Gleaning Week"

**AJR-94/SJR-74 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Designates Wednesday of third week of September as "Farmers Against Hunger Day"

**AJR-100/SJR-70 (Andrzejczak, Tucker, DeAngelo, Mazzeo/Van Drew, Whelan)** - Designates first week in August of each year as "Coast Guard Week" and honors Cape May as U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted accession point and recruit training center

#### BILLS VETOED:

**S-264/A-1347 (Greenstein, Cunningham/Stender, Egan, O'Donnell, Wimberly)** – **ABSOLUTE** - "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers compensation for public safety workers

**S-374/A-3403 (Scutari, Beck/Rible, DeAngelo, Mukherji)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Concerns attorney fees for workers' compensation awards

**SCS for S-779, 1952/ACS for A-2474 (Weinberg, Sarlo, Lesniak/Johnson, Garcia, Vainieri Huttie, Lagana, Mukherji, Moriarty)** - **ABSOLUTE** - "Garden State Film and Digital Media Jobs Act" expands existing film and digital media production tax credit programs

**S-995/A-1677 (Weinberg, Allen/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mosquera)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes in DOC, supervised community reintegration program for certain victims of domestic abuse

**S-1346/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Concerns the recording of mortgages

**S-2260/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees

**S-2524/A-4067 (Gill, Allen/Lagana, Singleton, Moriarty)** - **CONDITIONAL** - The "Municipal Volunteer Property Tax Reduction Act"; permits certain municipal property owners to perform volunteer services in return for property tax vouchers

**S-2577/ACS for A-4139 (Stack, Schaer/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Quijano)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes temporary mortgage relief programs for certain owners of real property impacted by "Superstorm Sandy"

**S-2867/A-4248 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Sumter, Vainieri Huttie, Green, Holley, Wimberly)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Permits municipal land banking in conjunction with online property database development

**S-3024/A-4463 (Scutari/Giblin, Diegnan, Jimenez, Caputo, Vainieri Huttie)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Revises laws concerning real estate licensees

**S-3282/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

**ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, and 3108/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements

**A-3257/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - **CONDITIONAL** - 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-4103/S-2840 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Allen, Whelan)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Creates workforce training program for former casino workers

**A-4233/S-2435 (Jasey, McKeon, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, Lampitt/Codey, Vitale)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Provides Medicaid coverage for advance care planning

**A-4275/S2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greewald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** – **CONDITIONAL** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Savings Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

**A-4326/S-2942 (Schaer, Lagana, Eustace, Prieto/Gordon, Barnes)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Reforms annual State revenue estimating and reporting, and executive State budget presentation and revenue certification processes

**A-4386/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin/Vitale, Singer)** - **CONDITIONAL** - 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-4638/S-3118 (Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Holley, Mosquera, Tucker, Benson/Sweeney, Madden)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Requires DCPP to implement policies and procedures to ensure caseworker safety; "Leah's Law"

**A-4703/S-3172 (Spencer, Tucker, Pintor Marin, Egan, Muoio, Gusciora/Rice, Smith)** - **ABSOLUTE** - Increases tax credit cap by \$165 million for certain qualified residential projects under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and restricts increase to certain projects

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# 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 deferment 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:

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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, Danielsen)** - 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, Ribble, 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
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- **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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