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## THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2017:

<b><u>Chapter 101</u></b>	<b><u>S-956</u></b>	<b><u>7/7/2017</u></b>
Authorizes special emergency appropriations for the payment of certain expenses incurred by municipalities to implement a municipal consolidation.		
<b><u>Chapter 109</u></b>	<b><u>A-2181</u></b>	<b><u>7/13/2017</u></b>
Prohibits NJTA from requiring county guarantee to provide maintenance of pedestrian bridge under certain circumstances when determining approval for construction of pedestrian bridge.		
<b><u>Chapter 112</u></b>	<b><u>A-4350</u></b>	<b><u>7/13/2017</u></b>
Precludes DEP from imposing certain certification requirements on installers of individual subsurface sewage disposal systems.		
<b><u>Chapter 113</u></b>	<b><u>A-4583</u></b>	<b><u>7/13/2017</u></b>
Appropriates \$2,988,859 from 2009 Historic Preservation Fund and constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to provide capital preservation grants for certain historic preservation projects.		
<b><u>Chapter 116</u></b>	<b><u>S-5</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Establishes data reporting requirements for emergency medical services providers and dispatch centers.		
<b><u>Chapter 119</u></b>	<b><u>S-742</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Requires board of education to enter into agreement with law enforcement authorities regarding access to live video streams of public school buildings.		
<b><u>Chapter 128</u></b>	<b><u>S-2452</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Requires Director of Division of Taxation to promulgate Property Taxpayer Bill of Rights.		
<b><u>Chapter 133</u></b>	<b><u>S-2834</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
The "Water Quality Accountability Act"; imposes certain testing, reporting, management, and infrastructure investment requirements on water purveyors.		
<b><u>Chapter 134</u></b>	<b><u>S-2883</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Extends eligibility for veterans' property tax deduction and disabled veterans' property tax exemption to members of the United States Armed Forces assigned to the rescue and recovery mission at the World Trade Center between September 11, 2001 and May 30, 2002.		
<b><u>Chapter 136</u></b>	<b><u>S-3027</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Establishes State food waste reduction goal of 50 percent by 2030.		
<b><u>Chapter 144</u></b>	<b><u>S-3242</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Clarifies procedures for approval of environmental and transportation infrastructure projects.		
<b><u>Chapter 146</u></b>	<b><u>S-3352</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Appropriates \$71,700,224 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects.		
<b><u>Chapter 147</u></b>	<b><u>S-3353</u></b>	<b><u>7/21/2017</u></b>
Appropriates \$12.3 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.		

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<b>Chapter 148</b>	<b>S-3354</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
Appropriates \$8,992,898 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes.		
<b>Chapter 149</b>	<b>A-222</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
“New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act”; authorizes issuance of \$125,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance capital projects at public libraries; appropriates \$5,000.		
<b>Chapter 154</b>	<b>A-1645</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
Expands definition of “acquisition,” for purposes of county and municipal open space trust funds, to include demolition, removal of debris, and restoration of lands being acquired.		
<b>Chapter 169</b>	<b>A-4081</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
“Charlie’s Law”; Establishes civil penalties for persons who interfere with or deny persons with disabilities accompanied by service or guide dogs access to places of public accommodation.		
<b>Chapter 176</b>	<b>A-4568</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
Prohibits health insurers, SHBP, SEHBP, certain health care providers, and Medicaid from discriminating in providing coverage and services based on gender identity.		
<b>Chapter 179</b>	<b>A-4994</b>	<b>7/21/2017</b>
Requires certain State and local government agency employees with access to federal tax information to undergo criminal history background checks.		
<b>Chapter 181</b>	<b>S-169</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Allows certain emergency squad volunteers holding municipal elective office to vote on emergency squad concerns.		
<b>Chapter 186</b>	<b>S-1219</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Requires reporting of suspected abuse of institutionalized elderly to police and that facility employees receive notice of reporting requirement annually; designated as “Peggy’s Law.”		
<b>Chapter 191</b>	<b>S-1731</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Permits municipality to establish civil penalty for smoking in public places.		
<b>Chapter 192</b>	<b>S-1739</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Establishes sexual assault training requirements for law enforcement officers.		
<b>Chapter 199</b>	<b>S-2884</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Declares that deed restrictions or agreements that prevent raising or constructing of a structure to certain flood elevation standards are unenforceable.		
<b>Chapter 204</b>	<b>A-1185</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Requires State Comptroller to report findings of audit compliance reviews.		
<b>Chapter 206</b>	<b>A-1690</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Allows fire district elections to be moved to November; eliminates certain fire district budget referenda; and eliminates certain fire district capital purchase referenda.		
<b>Chapter 212</b>	<b>A-3381</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Authorizes municipal volunteer programs for free removal of snow from certain residential properties occupied by seniors or disabled persons.		
<b>Chapter 220</b>	<b>A-4230</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Requires health insurance carriers; SHBP, and SEHBP to inform covered persons about organ and tissue donation.		
<b>Chapter 223</b>	<b>A-4580</b>	<b>8/7/2017</b>
Appropriates \$2,900,000 from “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund” for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes.		

**Chapter 224****A-4581****8/7/2017**

Appropriates \$22,385,743 to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes.

**Chapter 225****A-4582****8/7/2017**

Appropriates \$32.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants.

**Chapter 226****A-4584****8/7/2017**

Appropriates \$7,500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for planning incentive grants to municipalities for farmland preservation purposes.

**Chapter 228****A-4673****8/7/2017**

Concerns assessment of buildings or structures on real property located in certain counties following material depreciation thereof.

**Chapter 232****S-3311****8/25/2017**

Requires early retirement incentive offer before public safety department layoffs in municipalities in need of stabilization and recovery.

**A = Approved By the League****O = Opposed By the League**

<b>BILL NO. AND SPONSOR</b>	<b>BILL SUMMARY</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>LEAGUE POSITION</b>
<b>A-135</b> DeAngelo, Wayne	Establishes fire safety standards and protocols for certain light frame residential construction; requires placards identifying primary structural systems of buildings.  <i>It is the firecode standards that need to be changed. This is best done through regulations.</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-643</b> Wolfe, David McGuckin, Gregory	Requires issuance of tourniquets to law enforcement officers; requires emergency service vehicles be equipped with tourniquets.  <i>Liability concerns.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-752</b> McGuckin, Gregory Wolfe, David	Requires State aid reduction to municipalities and school districts by amount of accumulated absences paid to employees upon their retirement.  <i>Injects the state into the contract proces; contrary to home rule.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1229/S-809</b> McKeon, John Quijano, Annette Benson, Daniel Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann Zwicker, Andrew Codey, Richard Weinberg, Loretta	Bars public entities and public employees from entering into confidential settlements of "whistleblower" claims; provides that such settlements constitute public records.  <i>May impact current and future employment of person.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-1245</b> McKeon, John	Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in, and requires divestment from, 200 largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies.  <i>Counter productive to have political reasons influencing investments.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-1476</b> Chaparro, Annette Mukherji, Raj Chiaravalloti, Nicholas McKnight, Angela Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Requires driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include cyclist and pedestrian safety information.	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-1648</b> Schepisi, Holly Bucco, Anthony	Establishes additional factors for municipal adjustment used in calculating fair share affordable housing obligations; provides population-based cap for these obligations.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2139</b> Chiaravalloti, Nicholas Zwicker, Andrew	Requires cable television company to commit to principle of "net neutrality" as condition of approval of applications for municipal consent to system-wide franchise.	Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2140</b> Chiaravalloti, Nicholas	Establishes "Community Broadband Study Commission/"	Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-95</b> Bucco, Anthony	Revises certain Class Three special law enforcement officer appointment qualifications.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-166</b> Gopal, Vin	Increases from \$10,000 to \$17,500 maximum allowable property tax deduction under gross income tax over three years.	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-600</b> Smith, Bob	Permits municipalities to require that new construction be solar ready.	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-928</b> Cryan, Joseph	Requires public referendum prior to issuance of general obligation bonds by local units under certain circumstances.  <i>Delays projects and adds cost. Will penalize fiscally responsible municipalities.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1054</b> Corrado, Kristin M.	Concerns employment opportunities and equal pay for women.	Senate Labor Committee	<b>A</b>