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## THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2018:

<b>Chapter 24</b>	<b>S-1878</b>	<b>5/30/2018</b>
"New Jersey Health Insurance Premium Security Act;" establishes health insurance reinsurance plan.		
<b>Chapter 30</b>	<b>A-2787</b>	<b>5/30/2018</b>
Extends pilot program authorizing special occasion events at wineries on preserved farmland; implements reporting requirement.		
<b>Chapter 31</b>	<b>A-3380</b>	<b>5/30/2018</b>
"New Jersey Health Insurance market Preservation Act."		
<b>Chapter 32</b>	<b>A-2039</b>	<b>6/1/2018</b>
"Out-of-network Consumer Protection, Transparency, Cost Containment and Accountability Act."		
<b>Chapter 33</b>	<b>A-4111</b>	<b>6/11/2018</b>
Allows wagering at casinos and racetracks on certain professional and collegiate sports or athletic events.		
<b>Chapter 38</b>	<b>A-2759</b>	<b>6/13/2018</b>
Adopts federal definition of armor piercing ammunition.		
<b>Chapter 40</b>	<b>A-3122</b>	<b>6/14/2018</b>
Allows certain joint insurance funds to make certain investments and to form certain investment programs; authorizes school districts and local units of government to deposit public funds into multiple federally-insured accounts.		
<b>Chapter 43</b>	<b>S-2747</b>	<b>6/27/2018</b>
Amends and supplements various appropriations and language provisions in Fiscal Year 2018 annual State appropriations act.		
<b>Chapter 46</b>	<b>A-3438</b>	<b>7/1/2018</b>
Requires Director of the Division of Taxation to establish 90-day State tax amnesty period that ends no later than January 15, 2019.		
<b>Chapter 49</b>	<b>A-1753</b>	<b>7/1/2018</b>
Imposes State sales and use tax and hotel and motel occupancy fee on transient accommodations; authorizes various municipal taxes and fees on transient accommodations.		
<b>Chapter 53</b>	<b>S-2019</b>	<b>7/1/2018</b>
Appropriates \$36,517,421,000 in State funds and \$16,551,418,698 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.		
<b>Chapter 54</b>	<b>S-2824</b>	<b>7/1/2018</b>
Amends and supplements various appropriations and language provisions in Fiscal Year 2019 annual State appropriations act.		
<b>Chapter 55</b>	<b>S-5</b>	<b>7/3/2018</b>
Transfers management of PFRS to Board of Trustees of PFRS.		

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<b>BILL NO. AND SPONSOR</b>	<b>BILL SUMMARY</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>LEAGUE POSITION</b>
<b>A-1648/S-2386</b>  Schepisi, Holly Bucco, Anthony Cardinale, Gerald	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/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2425/S-1567</b>  Benson, Daniel Giblin, Thomas Weinberg, Loretta	Requires certain employers to provide certain pre-tax transportation fringe benefits.  <i>Unnecessary mandate on small businesses.</i>	Assembly Appropriations Committee/Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2564</b>  DeAngelo, Wayne	Requires certain CATV companies to provide Internet service at public libraries with business customer class Internet access bandwidth and circuit capacity proportional to public libraries' needs.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3353/S-2061</b>  DeAngelo, Wayne Benson, Daniel Greenstein, Linda	Requires certain public water systems to publish certain financial and employee information on Internet.	Passed by the Assembly/ Senate Economic Growth Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3354/S-738</b>  DeAngelo, Wayne Benson, Daniel Wimberly, Benjie Diegnan, Patrick	Rivises certain licensure requirements to operate water supply and wastewater treatment systems.  <i>Would allow less experienced engineers to oversee plants.</i>	Passed by the Assembly/Senate Environment and Energy Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3454</b>  Kean, Sean Thomson, Edward	Directs COAH to adopt regulations to require municipalities to prioritize current residents in affordable housing applications.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3687/S-2252</b>  Benson, Daniel Pinkin, Nancy Quijano, Annette Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda	Establishes Statewide public plug-in electric vehicle charging system.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee/Senate Environment and Energy Committee	<b>A</b>

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<b>A-3688/S-1975</b> Benson, Daniel Pinkin, Nancy Zwicker, Andrew Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda	Establishes State goals for adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; directs DEP and various other State agencies to develop programs to achieve those goals.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee/Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3731/S-2636</b> Lagana, Joseph	Allows county to establish construction code office with authority to issue construction permit for county-owned buildings and structures and enter shared service agreement with municipality for broader code enforcement responsibilities.  <i>Unnecessary duplication.</i>	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3892</b> Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann	Requires that prior notice of tax sale be given to property owners.  <i>Current notification provides sufficient notice.</i>	Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3895</b> Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann	Requires percentage of alcoholic beverage penalties be forwarded to municipality.	Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3929/S-2604</b> Kennedy, James Benson, Daniel Scutari, Nicholas	Requires certain telecommunications, cable television, and public utility service providers to notify public entities of service discontinuance five business days prior to shutoff.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee/Senate Economic Growth Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3933</b> -Pinkin, Nancy	Requires public utilities and cable television companies to notify certain entities prior to removing mature trees.	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3957</b> Wirths, Harold J.	Grants municipal courts discretion to assess court costs for certain dismissals.	Assembly Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-3984</b> Dancer, Ronald	Clarifies that property taxes are due and owing on tax-exempt real property leased to, or subject to an operating agreement or management agreement with, a person or business entity whose property is not exempt.  <i>Taxes should remain with the property owner not the lessee.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4038</b> Timberlake, Britnee	Authorizes local contracting units to establish joint venture and set-aside programs.  <i>Violates orginaial intent of the set aside program and could provide vendors with an unfair advantage.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-4054</b> Bramnick, Jon M.	Provides for payment of balance of salary to municipal administrator to be withheld if removed immediately for "good cause."  <i>No due process provided to employer.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-4071</b> Jones, Patricia Egan Lampitt, Pamela Barclay, Arthur	Removes limit on number of alternate deputy registrars local registrars may appoint.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4095</b> Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann	Grants veteran discharged under honorable conditions right to peddler's license.	Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-4145/S-2750</b> Jasey, Mila McKeon, John Codey, Richard	Permits appointment of nonresident municipal emergency management coordinators in municipalities with populations under 5,000 persons in certain circumstances.	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee/ Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-607/A-4002</b> Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda Pinkin, Nancy	Exempts solar energy systems from building fees.  <i>Removes ability of municipality to recoup for costs of inspections.</i>	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2485</b> Cruz-Perez, Nilsa	Provides for a two-year statute of limitations in discrimination case under the "Law Against Discrimination" and prohibits certain waiver provisions in employment contracts.	Senate Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2528/A-3975</b> Sweeney, Stephen Diegnan, Patrick Ruiz, Teresa Quijano, Annette Giblin, Thomas Downey, Joann	Revises law concerning family leave, temporary disability and family temporary disability leave, and domestic or sexual violence safety leave.  <i>Overly broad and creates undue burdens on municipalities.</i>	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2632</b> Turner, Shirley	Requires Attorney General to issue guidelines regarding public notification of suspicious activity.	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>A</b>

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<b>S-2645/A-4173</b>  Singleton, Troy Pinkin, Nancy McKeon, John Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina Murphy, Carol	Makes various changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act.	Signed into law as P.L. 2018 C. 75.	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2693</b>  Singleton, Troy	Concerns prevailing wage payments in residential construction projects.  <i>Concern with management oversight.</i>	Senate Labor Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2716/A-4193</b>  Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda Pinkin, Nancy J.	Establishes uniform alternative assessment for commercial renewable energy systems and limits municipal construction permit fees for non-commercial renewable energy systems.  <i>Limits construction fees that can be collected.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	<b>O</b>

## Meet the NJLM Legislative Team!

The League's Legislative team is always working to represent the needs of municipalities.

### **Michael Darcy, Executive Director**

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Michael joined the League in January 1990. He has held positions in every program, service, and management area of the League, including Advertising Manager of New Jersey Municipalities magazine; Program Specialist in charge of producing seminars; Exhibit Manager for the Annual League Conference, which is the largest municipal conference in the United States; Assistant Executive Director, and, as of July 1, 2015, Executive Director.

He is a Fellow with Leadership New Jersey. In 1999, he achieved the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation, conferred by the American Society of Association Executives. He is a past president of the New Jersey Society of Association Executives (now MASAE) and served as editor of the NJSAE magazine, PACE. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives.

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Mike has been with the League since October 1996, and has held progressive staff positions, including Chief of the League's Bureau of Municipal Information, Senior Legislative Analyst and Director of Government Affairs. Mike coordinates the League's advocacy efforts and has served as a legislative agent since 2001.

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