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

Chapter 140 **A-1100** **11/27/2018**

Adds Monmouth County and Atlantic County as pilot counties for purposes of “Common Sense Shared Services Pilot Program Act.”

Chapter 147 **S-1958** **12/17/2018**

Establishes permit to allow seasonal retail consumption license holders to sell alcoholic beverages during certain off-season dates.

Chapter 156 **A-3112** **12/17/2018**

Authorizes local units of government subject to “Local Public Contracts Law” and “Public School Contracts Law” to use electronic procurement technologies.

Chapter 157 **A-3731** **12/17/2019**

Establishes “County Code Pilot Program” for certain counties.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2019:

Chapter 1 **S-1036** **1/31/2019**

Provides that AG handle investigation and prosecution of crime involving person’s death by law enforcement officer while acting in officer’s official capacity or while in custody; requires trial in venue outside county where incident occurred.

Chapter 15 **A-2164** **1/31/2019**

“Healthy Small Food Retailer Act.”

Chapter 19 **A-2732** **1/31/2019**

Clarifies that use of propane-powered noise making device is allowed as non-lethal method of wildlife control on farm land.

Chapter 21 **A-3666** **1/31/2019**

Requires public works contractors to have certain certifications; requires certain contractors to participate in apprenticeship program.

Chapter 32 **A-15** **2/4/2019**

Raises, over time, hourly minimum wage to \$15.00.

Chapter 33 **A765** **2/6/2019**

“Alyssa’s Law”; requires public school buildings to be equipped with panic alarm linked to local law enforcement.

Chapter 37 **A-3975** **2/19/2019**

Revises law concerning family leave, temporary disability and family temporary disability leave, and domestic or sexual violence safety leave.

Chapter 38 **S-1567** **3/1/2019**

Requires certain employers to provide certain pre-tax transportation fringe benefits.

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BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p>A-3607/S-2515</p> <p>Mazzeo, Vincent Armato, John Chiaravalloti, Nicholas Brown, Chris Vitale, Joesph</p>	<p>Requires Department of Community Affairs to approve credentialing entity to develop and administer a voluntary recovery residence certification program.</p> <p><i>Voluntary certification of recovery residence program does not remove the need for inspections for habitability under the Rooming and Boarding House Act.</i></p>	<p>Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee/Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4037/S-2650</p> <p>Space, Parker Johnson, Gordon Howarth, Joe Bucco, Anthony Oroho, Steven</p>	<p>Allows members of Junior Firefighter's Auxiliaries to perform certain fire support duties.</p>	<p>Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee/Senate Law and Public Safety Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-4184</p> <p>Clifton, Robert</p>	<p>Requires construction of bus rapid transit system.</p> <p><i>The goal of the bill is appreciated but it lacks details needed to be effective. Further, it is useless if current authority doesn't already exist.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4490</p> <p>Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann</p>	<p>Requires State Investment Council to adopt policy for socially conscious investing.</p> <p><i>This new State policy should not be codified in legislation. Time is needed to see how the policy works and if adjustments should be made.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4508/S-3204</p> <p>Pintor Marin, Eliana Mukherhi, Raj Ruiz, Teresa</p>	<p>Prohibits sewerage authority from imposing connection fee in certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>Does not take into consideration the impact of the type of development or existing use versus new use.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-4518/S-3017</p> <p>DePhillips, Christopher Bramnick, Jon Coughlin, Craig Corrado, Kristin</p>	<p>Requires election by certain public employees of certain health care benefit plans; prohibits payments by public employers for waiver of such plans.</p>	<p>Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-4558</p> <p>Thomas, Edward Kean, Sean T.</p>	<p>Provides for municipal review and submission of report opposing amendment to solid waste management plan; requires hearing and consideration by solid waste advisory council.</p>	<p>Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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A-4591 DeCroce, BettyLou	Imposes certain requirements on use of public school as polling place on day of election. <i>Unnecessary and problematic for smaller municipalities.</i>	Assembly Education Committee	O
A-4658 Houghtaling, Eric Downey, Joann	Converts senior freeze reimbursement program into credit program.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-4660 Houghtaling, Eric	Establishes farm distillery license.	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	A
A-4673 Speight, Shanique Verrelli, Anthony	Provides for restricted use driver's license as alternatives for license suspension in municipal court. <i>Please note that it would not apply to DUI offenses.</i>	Assembly Judiciary Committee	A
A4714 DeAngelo, Wayne Houghtaling, Eric	Allows utility lines necessary for certain solar energy generation facilities to cross municipally-owned preserved open space under certain circumstances.	Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading	A
A-4719 Dancer, Ronald	Provides options to PERS member who elects deferred retirement to designate retirement allowance to survivor after retiree's death; removes 30 days advance notice.	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	A
A-4721 Space, Parker Andrzejczak, Bob Wirths, Harold J.	Exempts certain water quality management structures, funded by certain federal and State grants, from real property taxation. <i>Currently tax exemption status is determined by owner and operation. This bill would grant exemption based solely on grant funding even if the property is profit making.</i>	Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee	O
A-4725 Vainieri Huttler, Valerie Quijano, Annette	Establishes certification program for zoning officers and land use board administrators. <i>This is unnecessary and could lead to increased cost for municipalities.</i>	Assembly State and Local Government Committee	O
A-4759/S-3385 Mukherji, Raj Chiaravalloti, Nicholas McKnight, Angela Greenstein, Linda	Requires employers to provide paid leave to employees to vote in certain circumstances. <i>Unnecessary; there are a number of opportunities and means to vote, including extended hours, vote by mail.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee/ Senate Labor Committee	O

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A-4769/S-2377 Dancer, Ronald Singer, Robert	Imposes fines on certain violations involving operation of bicycles.	Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee/Senate Transportation Committee	A
A-4822 Wimberly, Benjie Tully, Christopher Swain, Lisa	Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use.	Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading	A
S-2950/A-4536 Singleton, Troy Greenstein, Linda Zwicker, Andrew Murphy, Carol Pinkin, Nancy	Requires DCA to track natural disaster-related spending by State and local government. <i>Unnecessary as the information is already provided to the State. Also the Legislation does not define "natural disasters".</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee/Assembly Appropriations Committee	O
S-3030/A-4637 Vitale, Joseph Codey, Richard Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Provides that sterile syringe access programs are inherently beneficial uses. <i>The location of sterile syringe access programs should not be forced onto municipalities; local control over these facilities must remain.</i>	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee/Assembly Human Services Committee	O
S-3102 Bucco, Anthony	Requires municipalities to notify developers of expiration of developer's agreements. <i>This would make municipalities responsible for a developer's lack of vigilance and would afford additional rights at municipal expense.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-3115 O'Scanlon, Declan	Provides for development of searchable "Municipal Penalty Database." <i>Unnecessary and costly intrusion into local affairs.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-3158/A-4814 Gopal, Vin Downey, Joann	Makes transient accommodation taxes and fees only applicable if rented through marketplace.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee/Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee	A
S-3199 Rice, Ronald	Requires business entity to file annual disclosure statement with ELEC if entity receives \$50,000 or more in commissions or fees during calendar year for placing third parties into contractual relationships with public entities.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A

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S-3250/A-4715 Greenstein, Linda Pinkin, Nancy Lopez, Yvonne Vainieri Huttle, Valerie	Establishes "Plastic Pollution Task Force" to study ways to reduce and address plastic pollution. <i>This would put the burden on municipalities to enforce State perogatives. Further, there are no local officials on the task force.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
S-3274/A-4867 Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda Pinkin, Nancy Lopez, Yvonne Kennedy, James	Establishes Statewide targets to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills; requires DEP to adopt regulations to achieve targets. <i>This would make municipalities responsible for enforcing State regulations and standards.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
S-3275 Smith, Bob Bateman, Christopher	Prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from regulating solar panels under certain circumstances; limits fees for certain renewable energy installations. <i>This kind of regulation is much better achieved at the local level.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	O
S-3320/A-4946 Singleton, Troy Bucco, Anthony Howarth, Joe Murphy, Carol Bucco, Anthony	Requires Director of Division of Fire Safety to promulgate regulations pertaining to training and duties of Junior Firefighter Auxiliary members. <i>Too restrictive.</i>	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee/Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	O
SCS-2776/A-4330 Smith, Bob Greenstein, Linda Pinkin, Nancy Kennedy, James McKeon, John	Prohibits use of plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene, and single-use plastic straws. <i>Would preempt local regulations and local authority.</i>	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O



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No two communities' solutions to housing needs are the same. Learn from the variety of approaches that have been implemented. Understand the current situation in various parts of the state and learn where legislative efforts may be focused.

➔ Dates for Roundtable Events:

April 13, 2019 Hilton Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza,
East Rutherford, NJ 07073

April 16, 2019 Hotel ML, 915 Route 73, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

April 29, 2019 Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, 100 College Road
East, Princeton, NJ 08540

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