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I. Committee to Review Bill Concerning Property-Taxpayer Funded Subsidy to Hospitals

Tomorrow, the Assembly State and Local Government Committee will be considering [A-4013](#), a bill which the League opposes. A-4013 seeks to address the ongoing issue of property tax exemptions for nonprofit hospitals with on-site for profit medical providers. The issue stems from a tax court decision which brought to light how the business model for modern hospitals does not comport with the original public policy reasons for exempting non-profit hospitals from property taxes.

While the League is supportive of a legislative solution to this issue, we do not believe that A-4013 provides a proper solution. As a threshold matter the bill sets up an unconstitutional tax exemption. Notwithstanding the constitutional issues, A-4013 poses other concerns as it attempts to create a Community Service Contribution (CSC) fee which would be paid by hospitals organized as non-profits in lieu of any property tax. The CSC fee is calculated based on the amount of licensed acute-care beds in a hospital which, based on industry trends, would mean the fee would be reduced each year as hospitals move away from these types of beds.

The contemplated CSC fee would be far smaller than any property tax bill which these hospitals would otherwise be subject to. Effectively, serving as a subsidy to an otherwise profitable industry, paid for by all other property tax payers of host communities.

Further, A-4013 would preempt settlements and agreements some host municipalities have already made with hospitals in their communities. And, A-4013 would also seek to

reimburse these hospitals for any payments they may have already made to municipalities under these agreements.

We urge our members, especially those hosting non-profit hospitals and those with current settlements to reach out to [your legislators](#) and the members of the [Assembly State and Local Government Committee](#)

Contact: Frank Marshall, Esq, League Staff Attorney, at FMarshall@njlm.org or 609-695-3481 x 137.

II. Exhibit Booth Registration is Open!

Invite your vendors to exhibit at the 2019 NJLM Annual Conference and showcase their product or service to other municipalities. Exhibit space is already 70% sold out so contact your vendors today – or send us a note and we'll reach out to them! The 2019 Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus can be [downloaded](#)

Contact: Kristin Lawrence, Director of Exhibition and Sponsorships 609-695-3481 x125 or klawrence@njlm.org

III. Reserve Your Hotel for the League Conference: June 1

Preparations for the 104th Annual League Conference November 19-21 are underway and the hotel reservations system will be open for attendees and exhibitors on June 1 at the League [Conference Web page](#). There you will also see a preliminary schedule of conference sessions.

Staying in Atlantic City for the Conference is a great way to get the most from your attendance at the Conference. Staying over will maximize your time and opportunities to participate in the educational, informational, and networking offered throughout the Annual League Conference.

IV. NJILGA Mid-Year Seminar

Saturday, June 8, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Conference Center at Mercer
1200 Old Trenton Rd.
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Agenda:

8:30 a.m. Registration– Continental Breakfast / Coffee
9:00 a.m. Issues regarding the Use of Social Media
10:00 a.m. Employment Law Update
11:00 a.m. Networking Break
11:15 a.m. Professional and Ethical Obligations of Municipal Attorneys

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Registration Fee: Member Price - \$25 Non-member Price - \$75

CEUs: NJCLE 3.6 including 1.2 Ethics

Registration Information: To register for the event please visit the [registration webpage](#).

If you have any questions regarding the event, please E-mail [Sherri Smith](#), Director of Marketing, PARKER McCAY P.A.

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