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**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p><b>A-276</b>  Vandervalk, Charlotte</p>	<p>Increases assessed value of real property permitted direct appeal to State Tax Court to more than \$1.25 million.</p>	<p>Assembly Floor Amendment Passed</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-2185</b>  Rumpf, Brian E. Van Pelt, Daniel M</p>	<p>Provides exceptions for removal of snow and ice from certain parking spaces within 24 hours after inclement weather or state of emergency.</p> <p><i>Difficult to enforce.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-2541</b>  Egan, Joseph V.</p>	<p>Requires payment of prevailing wages in construction related to UEZ assistance.</p> <p><i>A disincentive for private entities to engage in construction projects in UEZ communities.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Labor Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-2628</b>  Karrow, Marcia A.</p>	<p>Expands eligibility under the Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Act by broadening certain municipal qualifier provisions.</p>	<p>Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-2669</b>  Karrow, Marcia A.</p>	<p>Subjects municipal utilities authority's water rate increases to approval by local unit that created the authority.</p> <p><i>Unnecessary as this discretion is implicit in the local unit's existing authority.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-2672</b>  Chiappone, Anthony</p>	<p>Permits public body to meet adequate notice requirements for public meeting by publishing notice in one newspaper and on official Internet website.</p> <p><i>Mandates extra costs.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-2781</b>  Dancer, Ronald S.</p>	<p>Requires BPU to consider certain revenue-raising limitations when determining whether to approve increases in public utility rates, fares or charges that may be assessed to municipalities.</p> <p><i>Presently, the fairness of rates are monitored by interveners.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>

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<b>A-2795</b> Rudder, Scott Addiego, Dawn Marie	Revises requirements for distribution of State aid under "Special Municipal Aid Act."  <i>Fails to recognize and address basic problems that created structural dysfunction. Imposes onerous administrative burdens that compound bureaucracy.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2837</b> Rible, David P. Angelini, Mary Pat	Exempts certain volunteer emergency service organizations from charitable contribution filing fees.  <i>Current fees are resonable and a new exemption would just add more cost to taxpayers.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2838</b> Rumana, Scott T.	Provides that municipalities may provide occupancy preferences in available COAH units to certain households participating in certain federal programs.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2845</b> Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.	Provides that death certificates are not available to the public under the Open Public Records Act.	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2853</b> Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.	Permits State aid to fund start-up costs for local shared services projects.  <i>The financial assistance proposed is too small to sufficiently address the broader issue of implementing shared service projects.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2860</b> Conway, Herb, Jr.	Provides for complaint forms to register perceived violations of local zoning ordinances and "State Uniform Construction Code Act."  <i>Unnecessary burden on municipal clerks.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2868</b> Cryan, Joseph Green, Jerry	Makes chief of police contractual municipal employee and requires peer review and performance evaluation for contract renewal.  <i>Makes the selection of a Chief subject to political factors.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2922</b> Chiappone, Anthony Smith, L. Harvey	Provides that amendments to municipal budget may be provided in writing at public hearing rather than being read in full.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2923</b> Chiappone, Anthony Smith, L. Harvey	Exempts veterans from \$15 fee for open and competitive civil service examinations and from local residency requirements.  <i>The residency exemption is in direct contravention of Home Rule.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-2955</b> Scalera, Frederick	Permits bid for public works contract to be withdrawn due to error in certain circumstances; permits contracting unit to require financial statement from bidders.  <i>Too many loopholes and too ambiguous. Could delay the award process.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>A-2971</b> Schaer, Gary S. Greenwald, Louis Cryan, Hoseph Burzichelli, John J.	Requires certain arbitrators to file financial disclosure statements.	Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>A-2994</b> Rumana, Scott T.	Authorizes municipalities to require solar energy elements as condition of site plan or subdivision approval.	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-693</b> Cunningham, Sandra B. Rice, Ronald L.	Requires DHSS to provide written notice to certain federal, State and local elected officials upon the filing of application for certificate of need to close hospital.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-1608</b> Lesniak, Raymond J.	Removes two plenary retail distribution license limit for certain food stores and liquor stores. <i>Could hurt small business, locally owned and operated.</i>	Senate Committee as a Substitute, 2nd Reading without recommendation	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1752</b> Bucco, Anthony R..	Clarifies that automatic sprinkler system is exempt from taxation under certain circumstances.	Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-1882</b> Stack, Brian P.	Authorizes school districts and charter school trustees to enter into shared service agreements with municipalities for school crossing guard services; gives boards of education primary responsibility to hire and assign school crossing guards. <i>Control of this public safety function should remain in the hands of municipal official, charged with making such decisions.</i>	Senate Education Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1977</b> Cunningham, Sandra B. Redd, Dana L.	Requires prosecution of domestic violence-related cases in Superior Court; removes jurisdiction from municipal court.	Senate Judiciary Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2024</b> Oroho, Steven V.	Requires appointment of insurance broker by local unit and risk manager by joint insurance fund to include public disclosure of certain commissions and fees.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	<b>A</b>

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