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**A195 Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A4048](#) [S2617](#)

[Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vainieri Huttie, Valerie](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S104** [Weinberg, Loretta](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Sarfo, Paul A.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

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**A111 Allows business tax credit to employers giving paid leave to employees for service with volunteer emergency services organizations.**

Identical Bill Number: [S457](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A3769](#) [S964](#)

[Vainieri Huttie, Valerie](#) as Primary Sponsor

Identical Bill Number: [S619](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A3781](#) [S2397](#)

**S457** [Buono, Barbara](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

**A192 Creates presumption regarding disability pension and workers compensation eligibility for public employees and emergency personnel participating in World Trade Center operations; requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to develop health registry and screenings.**

Identical Bill Number: [S619](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A3781](#) [S2397](#)

[Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vainieri Huttie, Valerie](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S619** [Vitale, Joseph F.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Weinberg, Loretta](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State Government Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government Committee

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**A238 "Janet's Law"; requires public schools, recreational fields and youth camps to have automated external defibrillators for youth athletic events, and public schools to include pupil training in use thereof and in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.**

Identical Bill Number: [A238](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A4291](#)

[Bramnick, Jon M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S1236** [Singer, Robert W.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vitale, Joseph F.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/21/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Education Committee

3/6/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

3/6/2008 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**A267 Requires training in diabetes care for certain school employees and use of medical management plans in schools for students with diabetes.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A2014](#)

[Vandervalk, Charlotte](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Voss, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [McKeon, John F.](#) as Co-Sponsor  
[Evans, Elease](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Greenstein, Linda R.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S2426** [Turner, Shirley K.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee

6/12/2008 Reported from Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading

9/25/2008 Passed by the Assembly (76-0-3)

10/2/2008 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Education Committee

12/8/2008 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

2/9/2009 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A267>

**A321 Requires photographic identification cards for certain health care professionals.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1379](#)

[Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Fisher, Douglas H.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A321>

**A325 Requires certain ambulances to be equipped with global positioning system technology; appropriates \$500,000 to DHSS.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1388](#)

[Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A325>

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**A458 Requires the placement of defibrillators in a public school complex.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A622](#)  
[Malone, Joseph R., III](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A458>

**A527 Authorizes municipal governing body to create and maintain list of municipal residents in need of special assistance in case of emergency for public safety purposes.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3173](#)  
[Vas, Joseph](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

**A543 Establishes defibrillator grant program in DHSS for placement of defibrillators in senior citizen centers.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1155](#) [S966](#)  
[Dancer, Ronald S.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Holzapfel, James W.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wolfe, David W.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S1044** [Buono, Barbara](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A543>

**A653 Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$500 income tax deduction**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1404](#)  
[Doherty, Michael J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S2618** [Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/26/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A653>

**A660 Exempts certain volunteer fire, first aid, ambulance, emergency, and rescue companies, corps, and squads from registration and associated fee requirements of "Charitable Registration and Investigation Act." \***

Last Session Bill Number: [A1412](#) [S1045](#)  
[Doherty, Michael J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Munoz, Eric](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Addiego, Dawn Marie](#) as Co-Sponsor  
[Rudder, Scott](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S1050** [Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Lance, Leonard](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bateman, Christopher](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

5/7/2009 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

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**A722 Authorizes county surrogates to establish or expand programs to provide information to law enforcement officers, firefighters and first aid squad members concerning the preparation of wills, living wills and powers of attorney.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1772](#)  
[Greenwald, Louis D.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A722>

**A735 Adds budget language specifying Medicaid reimbursement for various ambulance services provided to certain recipients.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3854](#) [S2413](#)  
[Greenwald, Louis D.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

**A837 Requires wheelchair securement devices and wheelchair occupant securement devices on certain vehicles and training in their use for certain employees.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3459](#) (2R) [S2577](#) (1R)  
[Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Egan, Joseph V.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Munoz, Eric](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Green, Jerry](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Giblin, Thomas P.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Greenstein, Linda R.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wisniewski, John S.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Cruz-Perez, Nilsa](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Moriarty, Paul D.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

5/12/2008 Reported And Referred To Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

12/8/2008 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A837>

**A916 Requires public school district to provide paid time off when certain volunteer emergency aid workers are called to alarm during work hours.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1422](#) (1R)  
[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor  
[Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Bramnick, Jon M.](#) as Co-Sponsor,

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A916>

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**A917 Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1424](#) [S1358](#)

[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Burzichelli, John J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Greenstein, Linda R.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Munoz, Eric](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S1772** [Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Sarlo, Paul A.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

5/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

10/2/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

10/2/2008 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

1/26/2009 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A917>

**A985 Requires emergency first aid and first responder retraining for local law enforcement officers; establishes a "duty to act" in emergency situations for on-duty local law enforcement officers.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A240](#)

[Cruz-Perez, Nilsa](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Watson Coleman, Bonnie](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Cryan, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Greenwald, Louis D.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Gusciora, Reed](#) as Co-Sponsor, [McKeon, John F.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A985>

**A989 Affords emergency services peer counselors confidentiality privileges.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A244](#) [S1301](#)

[Cruz-Perez, Nilsa](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Greenwald, Louis D.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Gusciora, Reed](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Watson Coleman, Bonnie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A989>

**A1043 Creates defibrillator grant program in DHSS for municipalities; appropriates \$1.7 million.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1302](#) [A4528](#)

[Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [DeCroce, Alex](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1043>

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**A1050 Requires Medicaid program to increase reimbursement for ambulance services provided to Medicaid recipients who are also Medicare eligible to Medicare rate.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1314](#)

[Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1050>

**A1058 Authorizes licensed air ambulance services to be dispatched as air medical unit first responders in New Jersey and directs DHSS to establish certain dispatch guidelines.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3786](#)

[Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1058>

**A1179 Imposes conditions on drivers approaching stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks or highway maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights.**

Identical Bill Number: [S180](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A2436](#) (ACS) [A3069](#) (ACS) [A3175](#) (ACS)

[Oliver, Sheila Y.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Holzapfel, James W.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vainieri Huttle, Valerie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wagner, Connie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Giblin, Thomas P.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Ramos, Ruben J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Gusciora, Reed](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S180** Last Session Bill Number: [S2422](#) (1R)

[Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Girgenti, John A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Cunningham, Sandra B.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Whelan, Jim](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

5/5/2008 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

5/2008 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

5/22/2008 Senate Amendment (38-0) (Girgenti)

6/12/2008 Passed by the Senate (38-0)

6/12/2008 Received in the Assembly without Reference, 2nd Reading

12/15/2008 Substituted for A1179 (1R)

12/15/2008 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (76-0-1)

1/27/2009 Approved P.L.2009, c.5.

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1179>

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**A1260 Permits EMT, paramedic, or investigator for county medical examiner's office to make determination and pronouncement of death under certain circumstances.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3867](#)  
[Moriarty, Paul D.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1260>

**A1263 Affords employment protection to certain volunteer emergency responders.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A4252](#)  
[Moriarty, Paul D.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Burzichelli, John J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Fisher, Douglas H.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Albano, Nelson T.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A1292 Establishes low interest mortgage program in HMFA for volunteer fire and rescue squad members.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A966](#) [S1407](#)  
[Stender, Linda](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Burzichelli, John J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Greenstein, Linda](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Green, Jerry](#) as Co-Sponsor, [McKeon, John F.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Cryan, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Dancer, Ronald S.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Giblin, Thomas P.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wisniewski, John S.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1292>

**A1307 Requires each municipality to establish a Reverse 9-1-1 system.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A985](#)  
[Stender, Linda](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1386>

**A1386 Establishes procedures for operation of air ambulance services.**

Identical Bill Number: [S629](#)  
Last Session Bill Number: [A3795](#) (ACS)  
[Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Primary Sponsor  
**S629** [Vitale, Joseph F.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Gordon, Robert M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

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**A1461 Establishes State Capital Coordinating Council on Emergency Evacuation Routes and Procedures.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3420](#)

[DeCroce, Alex](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Malone, Joseph R., III](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee

2/28/2008 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

3/13/2008 Passed by the Assembly (78-0-0)

3/17/2008 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1461>

**A1525 Provides volunteer EMTs, volunteer firefighters mileage reimbursement; makes appropriations.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A561](#)

[Angelini, Mary Pat](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S331** [Kean, Sean T.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1525>

**A1665 Exempts construction, expansion or renovation of buildings or other structures for police departments, fire departments, and volunteer first aid, emergency, ambulance or rescue squads from "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act."**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1248](#) [S976](#)

[McHose, Alison Littell](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [DeCroce, Alex](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Doherty, Michael J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Merkt, Richard A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Chiusano, Gary R.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S407** [Lance, Leonard](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State Government Committee

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1665>

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S407>

**A1705 Establishes guidelines for operating authorized emergency vehicles in emergency situations.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A935](#)

[Munoz, Eric](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1705>

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**A1801 Requires State to offer surplus State police vehicles to certain volunteer fire and emergency service organizations.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1035](#)  
[Milam, Matthew W.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/24/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A1866 Enters New Jersey in Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact.**

Identical Bill Number: [S1484](#)  
Last Session Bill Number: [A4042](#)  
[Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor  
**S1484** [Weinberg, Loretta](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vitale, Joseph F.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/24/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee  
3/6/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**A1893 Designated Kevin Apuzzio's Law; allows municipalities to provide increased survivor pensions for certain volunteer emergency workers and requires municipalities to provide health and life insurance coverage to volunteer firefighters**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3610](#)  
[Cohen, Neil M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/28/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee  
9/22/2008 Bill Withdrawn

**A1908 Requires DHSS and DHS to establish autism awareness program for emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters.**

Identical Bill Number: [S1217](#)  
Last Session Bill Number: [A4058](#) (2R) w/c  
[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chiappone, Anthony](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wagner, Connie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Munoz, Eric](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Milam, Matthew W.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Albano, Nelson T.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Moriarty, Paul D.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Schaer, Gary S.](#) as Co-Sponsor  
[Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Co-Sponsor  
**S1217** Last Session Bill Number: [S2574](#) w/c A4058  
[Weinberg, Loretta](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Gordon, Robert M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Kean, Thomas H., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/24/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee  
1/24/2008 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading  
2/7/2008 Passed by the Assembly (74-1-0)  
2/14/2008 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
2/21/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
5/5/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading  
5/5/2008 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee  
5/19/2008 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading  
6/23/2008 Substituted For S1217 (1R)  
6/23/2008 Passed Senate (39-0)  
6/23/2008 Received In Assembly 2nd Reading On Concurrence  
6/23/2008 Passed Both Houses (77-2-0)

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9/9/2008 Approved P.L.2008, c.80.

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A1908>

**A2192 Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A2508](#)

[Rumpf, Brian E.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Van Pelt, Daniel M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/25/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A2192>

**A2309 Requires assisted living facilities to have defibrillator on site and employees trained to use defibrillator.**

Identical Bill Number: [S2146](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [A1214](#)

[Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Coutinho, Albert](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Ramos, Ruben J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Wisniewski, John S.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Prieto, Vincent](#) as Co-Sponsor

10/6/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

1/26/2009 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

2/9/2009 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

2/23/2009 Passed by the Senate (40-0)

2/26/2009 Received in the Assembly without Reference, 2nd Reading

2/26/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

3/5/2009 Substituted by S2146

3/5/2009 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (78-0-0)

4/23/2009 Approved P.L.2009, c.46.

**A2369 Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A4095](#)

[Cohen, Neil M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/28/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

9/22/2008 Withdrawn from Consideration

**A2395 Requires the placement of defibrillators in public use airports.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A2401](#)

[Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Barnes, Peter J., III](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Egan, Joseph V.](#) as Co-Sponsor

2/28/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A2404 Requires impact statement for any proposed regulation affecting volunteer ambulance squads and fire companies.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A199](#)

[Merkt, Richard A.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/28/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

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**A2476 Expands authority of emergency management departments in requesting assistance outside normal territorial jurisdictions.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S643](#) (1R)

[Rible, David P.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S534** [Girgenti, John A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Sarlo, Paul A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Allen, Diane B.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

1/24/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

3/3/2008 Passed by the Senate (38-0)

3/3/2008 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

3/10/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A2476>

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S534>

**A2443 Requires the placement of defibrillators in public school buildings.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A708](#)

[Greenstein, Linda R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2083** [Baroni, Bill](#) as Primary Sponsor

3/3/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A2443>

**A2457 Requires Office of Emergency Management to maintain directory of emergency supplies.**

Identical Bill Number: [S451](#) (1R)

[Rible, David P.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S451** [Haines, Philip E.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Van Drew, Jeff](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

1/24/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

3/3/2008 Passed by the Senate (39-0)

3/3/2008 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

3/6/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A2457>

**A2643 Requires acquisition of defibrillators for use in public and nonpublic high schools and training of certain personnel in usage; appropriates \$900,000.**

Identical Bill Number: [S1134](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [S524](#)

[Lampitt, Pamela R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

5/12/2008 Introduced And Referred To Assembly Education Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A2643>

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**A2709 Requires that automated external defibrillators be located on every floor of State House and State House Annex.**

[Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Greenwald, Louis D.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Pou, Nellie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Cryan, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor

5/12/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A2837 Exempts certain volunteer emergency service organizations from charitable contribution filing fees.**

[Rible, David P.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Angelini, Mary Pat](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Co-Sponsor

5/22/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A2853 Permits State aid to fund start-up costs for local shared services projects.**

[Roberts, Joseph J., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Wagner, Connie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Greenstein, Linda R.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Wisniewski, John S.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Jasey, Mila M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S2259**

[Singer, Robert W.](#) as Primary Sponsor

5/22/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

9/15/2008 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

9/25/2008 Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Johnson)

10/20/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

10/27/2008 Passed by the Assembly (73-5-1)

10/27/2008 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

3/9/2009 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

3/9/2009 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

**A2916 Requires impact statement for any proposed regulation affecting volunteer ambulance squad and fire company.**

Identical Bill Number: [S284](#)

Last Session Bill Number: [S669](#) [A1951](#)

[Bramnick, Jon M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

6/12/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

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**A3039 Excludes financial benefit received by volunteer emergency responder from gross income.**

[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Moriarty, Paul D.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Wagner, Connie](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Burzichelli, John J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Conaway, Herb, Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Voss, Joan M.](#) as Co-Sponsor

**S2195**

[Van Drew, Jeff](#) as Primary Sponsor

6/19/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

10/6/2008 Introduced And Referred To Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S2195>

**A3054 Requires State and local emergency operations plans include provisions to address needs of families of emergency responders serving during a disaster or emergency.**

[Albano, Nelson T.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Rumpf, Brian E.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Milam, Matthew W.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Van Pelt, Daniel M.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Love, Sandra](#) as Co-Sponsor

6/19/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A3286 Grants workers' compensation coverage to volunteer firefighters going to or returning from their stations when called to a fire.**

[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Conners, Jack](#) as Primary Sponsor

10/6/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

12/8/2008 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A3286>

**A3342 Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.**

[Doherty, Michael J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Albano, Nelson T.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S1049** Last Session Bill Number: [S2726](#)

[Lance, Leonard](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

10/23/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**A3396 Provides authorized emergency vehicles protection under lemon law.**

[Chiusano, Gary R.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [McHose, Alison Littell](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2304** [Oroho, Steven V.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Buono, Barbara](#) as Primary Sponsor

10/27/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee

5/7/2009 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

**A3434 Establishes that board of fire commissioners provide emergency medical services to areas encompassing each fire district**

[Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2282**

[Van Drew, Jeff](#) as Primary Sponsor

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10/20/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

11/13/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

3/12/2009 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

**A3554 Provides for reciprocity of certain out-of-State EMT certification.**

[Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2378** [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

11/24/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

12/15/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S2378>

**A3555 Prohibits State agencies from posting emergency medical technicians' personal information on web sites.**

[Quigley, Joan M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Scalera, Frederick](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2376** [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

11/24/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

12/15/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

**A3559 Protects property owned by military personnel and first responders from condemnation.**

[McHose, Alison Littell](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Chiusano, Gary R.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Biondi, Peter J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Merkt, Richard A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Doherty, Michael J.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Rible, David P.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Schaer, Gary S.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Addiego, Dawn Marie](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Polistina, Vincent J.](#) as Co-Sponsor

12/15/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

**A3661 "Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer firefighters; permits fire code inspection surcharge.**

[Chivukula, Upendra J.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Vas, Joseph](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2759** [Sweeney, Stephen M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/15/2009 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

5/4/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government Committee

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**S167 Permits municipalities to offer prescription drug benefit to certain retired volunteer firefighters and other emergency aid volunteers.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S239](#)

[Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Kean, Thomas H., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Lance, Leonard](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

10/2/2008 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

10/2/2008 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S167>

**S212 Permits certain vehicles operated by emergency response workers to use red lights and sirens.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S946](#)

[Singer, Robert W.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S212>

**S284 Requires impact statement for any proposed regulation affecting volunteer ambulance squad and fire company**

Last Session Bill Number: [S669](#) [A1951](#)

[Kean, Thomas H., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Allen, Diane B.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S284>

**S341 Establishes "Volunteer Emergency Services Highway Reimbursement Fund."**

Last Session Bill Number: [S56](#) [A3183](#)

[Ciesla, Andrew R.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bateman, Christopher](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S341>

**S533 Provides for DCA to set maximum loan amounts to volunteer emergency service organizations to purchase vehicles and equipment.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S642](#) [A1672](#)

[Girgenti, John A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S533>

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**S553 Authorizes payment of funeral expenses for certain public safety employees killed in line of duty.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S1003](#) [A1759](#)

[Sweeney, Stephen M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S553>

**S1000 Requires public and nonpublic high schools to have person trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on site at all school athletic events and practices.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S1842](#)

[Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Redd, Dana L.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/28/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Education Committee

5/5/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

5/5/2008 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

2/2/2009 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

**S1155 Requires State to offer surplus State police vehicles to certain volunteer fire and emergency service organizations.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A1035](#) (1R)

[Van Drew, Jeff](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

**S1508 Requires municipal police forces to have cardiac defibrillators; establishes minimum number of units for each municipality.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S1342](#)

[Turner, Shirley K.](#) as Primary Sponsor

3/10/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S1508>

**S1576 Assures workers' compensation benefits to police, fire and emergency personnel rendering aid under certain emergency circumstances.**

[Van Drew, Jeff](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Lance, Leonard](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor

4/7/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Labor Committee

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**S1736 Requires Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group to include a representative of New Jersey State First Aid Council.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S1304](#)  
[Allen, Diane B.](#) as Primary Sponsor

5/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

**S1738 Affords emergency services peer counselors confidentiality privileges.**

Last Session Bill Number: [S1301](#)  
[Allen, Diane B.](#) as Primary Sponsor

5/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

**S2079 Extends reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund to paid technicians.**

[Sweeney, Stephen M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2083 Requires the placement of defibrillators in public school buildings.**

Identical Bill Number: [A2443](#)  
Last Session Bill Number: [A708](#)  
[Baroni, Bill](#) as Primary Sponsor

10/2/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Education Committee

**S2121 Requires drivers to move over and stop when approached by vehicle with blue emergency warning lights; increases penalties.**

[Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

**S2149 Establishes mutual aid assistance request protocols for 9-1-1 ambulance dispatchers.**

[Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

10/6/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S2149>

**S2186 Prohibits Medicaid from implementing broker system for medical transportation prior to receiving community input on proposed system.**

[Cunningham, Sandra B.](#) as Primary Sponsor

10/6/2008 Introduced And Referred To Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S2186>

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**S2803 Requires the placement of defibrillators on certain trains.**

Last Session Bill Number: [A3198](#)

[Baroni, Bill](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bateman, Christopher](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Beck, Jennifer](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr.](#) as Co-Sponsor

5/7/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

**S2885 Makes emergency medical technician certification valid for five years.**

[Girgenti, John A.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Sweeney, Stephen M.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Smith, Bob](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Vitale, Joseph F.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Weinberg, Loretta](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Sarlo, Paul A.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Stack, Brian P.](#) as Co-Sponsor, [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Co-Sponsor  
[Connors, Christopher J.](#) as Co-Sponsor

5/21/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

## RESOLUTIONS

**AR65 Urges Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to investigate charges for paramedic services billed by Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation to Monmouth and Ocean County residents.**

Last Session Bill Number: [AR83](#)

[Holzapfel, James W.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Rumpf, Brian E.](#) as Co-Sponsor

1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=AR65>

**AR137 Constitutes Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee as special committee to investigate the processes of EMS system; grants committee subpoena power.**

[Cohen, Neil M.](#) as Primary Sponsor

6/16/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

9/22/2008 Bill Withdrawn

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=AR137>

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**ACR139 Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing property tax deduction for primary residence of volunteer fire fighter, first aid, or emergency services squad member.**

Last Session Bill Number: [ACR233](#)  
[Karrow, Marcia A.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/25/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=ACR139>

**SCR72 Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer fire fighter or first aid squad member.**

Last Session Bill Number: [SCR91](#)  
[Oroho, Steven V.](#) as Primary Sponsor, [Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/14/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

**SCR73 Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing property tax deduction for primary residence of volunteer firefighter, first aid or emergency services squad member.**

Last Session Bill Number: [SCR49](#)

[Bucco, Anthony R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

2/21/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

**SR26 Urges local police, fire, and emergency service departments to respectfully sound their sirens at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day.**

Last Session Bill Number: [SR77](#)  
[Madden, Fred H., Jr.](#) as Primary Sponsor

1/28/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee