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AGRICULTURE



Support

A4229

- Sponsors** Sauickie (R12); Spearman (D5); Fantasia (R24)
- Summary** Requires NJEDA to establish loan program to assist beginning farmers in financing capital purchases.
- History** Reported from Assembly Appropriations, 2nd reading in Assembly. Passed by the Assembly (72-0-0).



Support

A4603

- Sponsors** Freiman (D16); Sauickie (R12); Peterpaul (D11)
- Summary** Allows commercial farmer to be awarded reasonable costs and attorney fees for defending against bad faith complaints under "Right to Farm Act".
- History** Passed in Assembly 73-0-0.

CHILDCARE



Support

S3429

- Sponsors** Ruiz (D29); Mukherji (D32)
- Summary** Expands eligibility requirements of State's child care assistance program to include full-time graduate and post-graduate students.
- History** Reported from Senate Health and Human Services with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Support

A3759

- Sponsors** Stanley (D18)
- Summary** Prohibits internet sale of lottery tickets by State Lottery Commission.
- History** Transferred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee. Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

CRIMES AND PENALTIES



Support

A4755

- Sponsors** Danielsen (D17); Sauickie (R12); Simmons (D3)
- Summary** Concerns retail theft, establishes retail theft unit, and appropriates \$1 million.
- History** Reported from Assembly Public Safety and Preparednes committee, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Support

A2076

- Sponsors** Pintor Marin (D29); Park (D37); Wimberly (D35)
- Summary** Revises various provisions concerning New Jersey Aspire Program and surrender of tax credits issued under New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020.
- History** Reported from Assembly Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly. Substituted by S-1323 (2R).

EDUCATION



Support

A3864

- Sponsors** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35); Quijano (D20)
- Summary** Requires Commissioner of Education to establish and maintain educator common application and web portal.
- History** Reported from Assembly Education with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee.

ENVIRONMENT



Support

A4965

- Sponsors** Stanley (D18); Kennedy (D22); Hall (D28)
- Summary** Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program.
- History** Reported from Assembly Environment, Natural Resources and Solid Waste committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Support

A4967

- Sponsors** Calabrese (D36); Karabinchak (D18); Spearman (D5)
- Summary** Requires DEP to implement Advanced Clean Trucks regulations no earlier than January 1, 2027.
- History** Reported from Assembly Transportation committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.



Support

S199

- Sponsors** Smith (D17)
- Summary** Requires environmental sustainability plan for State House Complex.
- History** Reported from Senate Environment with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

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Oppose

S3545

Sponsors McKeon (D27); Smith (D17)

Summary "Climate Superfund Act"; imposes liability on certain fossil fuel companies for certain damages caused by climate change and establishes program in DEP to collect and distribute compensatory payments.

History Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

FOOD



Support

S3608

Sponsors Sarlo (D36); Polistina (R2) / Freiman (D16); Drulis (D16); McCann Stamato (D31)

Summary Permits restaurants and certain alcoholic beverage retailers and manufacturers to conduct business within designated outdoor space or on public sidewalk.

History 11/25/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.95.

HEALTH



Support

A2801

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Pintor Marin (D29); Conaway (D7)

Summary Renames, extends eligibility, and makes various other changes to Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program.

History Received in Senate and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION



Support

A4220

Sponsors Lampitt (D6); Miller (D4); Carter (D22)

Summary Revises Statewide transfer agreements for transfer of academic credit and reverse credit at participating institutions of higher education; establishes New Jersey Transfer Ombudsperson within Office of Secretary of Higher Education.

History Passed in Assembly 70-1-2.

HUMAN SERVICES



Support

A3636

Sponsors Murphy (D7); Quijano (D20); McCoy (D14)

Summary Requires State agencies to make their websites accessible to people with disabilities and on mobile devices.

History Reported from Assembly Aging and Human Services, referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.

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LABOR



Oppose

A4047

Sponsors Sampson (D31); Verrelli (D15); Miller (D4) / Moriarty (D4); Mukherji (D32)

Summary Revises unemployment compensation law.

History 12/12/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, c.102.



Oppose

S2826

Sponsors Singleton (D7); Moriarty (D4)

Summary Provides certain resources to county prosecutors for enforcement of law regarding failure to pay wages; makes appropriation.

History Reported from Senate Labor, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S794

Sponsors Bucco (R25); Singleton (D7)

Summary Concerns workers' compensation insurance requirements for certain corporations and partnerships.

History Reported from Senate Labor with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS



Oppose

A4124

Sponsors Wimberly (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Katz (D8)

Summary Establishes minimum qualifications for persons employed on public works contract.

History Reported from Assembly State and Local Government with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

SJR29

Sponsors Diegnan (D18); Sarlo (D36) / Karabinchak (D18); Stanley (D18)

Summary Designates August of each year as "Professional Engineers Month" in NJ and first Wednesday in August of each year as "Professional Engineering Day."

History 12/12/2024—Signed by the Governor P.L.2024, JR-4.

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TAXATION



Support

S3604

Sponsors Burzichelli (D3); Singleton (D7)

Summary Eliminates transaction nexus requirement under the Sales and Use Tax and Corporation Business Tax.

History Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.