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AGRICULTURE



Support

[S2200](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Cruz-Perez (D5)

Summary Creates pilot program to provide corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for value of certain fruit and vegetable donations made by commercial farm operators.

History 02/03/2025—Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

CONSTRUCTION CODES



Support

[A1465](#)

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18)

Summary Establishes expedited construction plan review program.

History 02/10/2025—Reported from Assembly Housing, referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Oppose

[S3928](#)

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Scutari (D22)

Summary Limits general application of certain consumer contracts.

History 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Commerce, 2nd reading in Senate.

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 02/13/2025— Reported from Assembly Judiciary with Committee Amendments. Referred to Assembly Appropriations.

EDUCATION



Support

[A5211](#)

Sponsors Miller (D4); Freiman (D16); Peterpaul (D11)

Summary Establishes New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities Initiative Act.

History 02/10/2025—Reported from Assembly Higher Education, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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ENERGY



Support

S1610

- Sponsors** Zwicker (D16); Mukherji (D32)
- Summary** Requires outdoor lighting fixtures installed or replaced by, or on behalf of State, or at projects receiving State funds, to meet certain criteria.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S364

- Sponsors** Pennacchio (R26); Johnson (D37)
- Summary** Adds fusion to types of Class I renewable energies as defined for purposes of "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act."
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

ENVIRONMENT



Oppose—
Seeking
Amendments

S3398

- Sponsors** Smith (D17); Moriarty (D4)
- Summary** "Packaging and Paper Product Stewardship Act."
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Environment and Energy as a committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S3711

- Sponsors** McKeon (D27); Zwicker (D16)
- Summary** Makes annual allocation of \$500,000 from Clean Communities Program Fund for public outreach concerning single-use plastics reduction program permanent.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Environment and Energy with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



Support

S3815

- Sponsors** Gopal (D11)
- Summary** Directs DEP to select consultant to perform Statewide needs assessment regarding recycling of packaging products; establishes "Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Advisory Council" in DEP; appropriates \$500,000.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Environment and Energy, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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HEALTH



Support

[S3565](#)

- Sponsors** Vitale (D19); Singer (R30)
- Summary** Codifies and extends authorization for certain out-of-State health care practitioners and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations.



Support

[S780](#)

- Sponsors** Johnson (D37); Singer (R30)
- Summary** Renames, extends eligibility, and makes various other changes to Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Higher Education with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION



Support

[A5183](#)

- Sponsors** Drulis (D16); Verrelli (D15); Sampson (D31)
- Summary** Directs DOLWD to develop and maintain industry-valued credential list.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Assembly Higher Education, 2nd reading in Assembly.

INSURANCE



Oppose

[S1473](#)

- Sponsors** Lagana (D38); Bramnick (R21)
- Summary** Revises personal injury protection coverage for basic automobile insurance policies from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and requires \$50,000 minimum personal injury protection coverage for standard automobile liability insurance policies.
- History** 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Commerce with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Support

[S1626](#)

- Sponsors** Zwicker (D16); Vitale (D19)
- Summary** Requires DHS and State Board of Medical Examiners to develop and implement process to improve efficiency of reviewing NJ FamilyCare provider applications.
- History** 02/03/2025—Reported from Senate Health and Human Services with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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REGULATED PROFESSIONS



Support

[A2805](#)

Sponsors Greenwald (D6); Swain (D38)

Summary Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.

History 02/10/2025—Reported from Assembly Regulated Professions committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

SMALL BUSINESS



Support

[S116](#)

Sponsors Cruz-Perez (D5)

Summary "Home Business Jobs Creation Act"; classifies certain home businesses as permitted accessory uses.

History 02/10/2025—Reported from Senate Economic Growth with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.



Support

[A4928](#)

Sponsors Peterpaul (D11); Clifton (R12)

Summary Establishes eligibility requirements for State small business set-aside program.

History 02/10/2025—Transferred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

TAXATION



Support

[S3189](#)

Sponsors Zwicker (D16); Sarlo (D36)

Summary Increases amount of tax credits for investments made in certain technology business ventures under "New Jersey Angel Investor Tax Credit Act."

History 02/03/2025—Reported from Senate Budget and Appropriations, 2nd reading in Senate.

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