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CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Oppose

S3928

Sponsors Ruiz (D29); Scutari (D22)

Summary Limits general application of certain consumer contracts.

History Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.

CRIMES AND PENALTIES



Support

S3587 / A4755

Sponsors Burzichelli (D3); Schepisi (R39) / Danielsen (D17); Sauickie (R12); Simmons (D3)

Summary Upgrades, and in some circumstances provides for extended terms of imprisonment for, certain retail theft crimes, addresses gift card fraud, and authorizes new Attorney General initiatives to address organized retail theft.

History Passed by the Senate (38-0). Substituted for A-4755 (2R). Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 76-0-0.

EDUCATION



Support

A5211

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

Summary Establishes New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities Initiative Act.

History Reported from Assembly Appropriations committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

ENERGY



Support

A5264

Sponsors Karabinchak (D18); Haider (D37); Spearman (D5)

Summary Requires establishment of automated platform to expedite construction code approval of applications to install residential solar energy systems.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, referred to Assembly 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 Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee.

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Oppose

SCR11

Sponsors Smith (D17); McKeon (D27)

Summary Amends Constitution to prohibit construction of new fossil fuel power plants.

History Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).

HIGHER EDUCATION



Support

A5183

Sponsors Drulis (D16); Verrelli (D15); Sampson (D31)

Summary Directs DOLWD to develop and maintain industry-valued credential list.

History Passed by the Assembly (71-4-0). Received in Senate and referred to Senate Labor Committee.



Support

A5213

Sponsors Venezia (D34); Atkins (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)

Summary Establishes "New Economy Opportunity Skills System Pilot Program" to strengthen alignment and collaboration between local workforce development boards, community colleges, and county vocational school districts; makes appropriation.

History Reported from Assembly Appropriations with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

LABOR



Oppose –
Seeking
Amendments

A5022

Sponsors Quijano (D20); Sampson (D31)

Summary Establishes "Occupational Heat-Related Illness and Injury Prevention Program" and occupational heat stress standard in DOLWD.

History Reported from Assembly Labor with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Oppose

S1688

Sponsors O'Scanlon (R13); Zwicker (D16)

Summary Prohibits certain non-disclosure and non-disparagement provisions in employment contracts.

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

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Support

S3509

Sponsors Moriarty (D4)

Summary Requires employers to include in job posting whether posting is for existing position and sets additional job posting requirements.

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

MOTOR VEHICLES



Support

A4380

Sponsors Coughlin (D19); DiMaio (R23); Sampson (D31)

Summary Establishes "Motor Vehicle Open Recall Notice and Fair Compensation Act."

History Reported from Assembly Consumer Affairs with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Assembly.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS



Oppose

A919

Sponsors Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Verrelli (D15); Quijano (D20)

Summary Establishes procedures and standards regarding public service privatization contracts.

History Reported from Assembly Labor committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

STATE GOVERNMENT



Support

A4928

Sponsors Peterpaul (D11); Clifton (R12)

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

History Passed by the Assembly (72-1-2). Received in Senate and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

TAXATION



Support

A4455

Sponsors Freiman (D16); Schaer (D36)

Summary Allows deduction from New Jersey gross income of certain capital gains from sale or exchange of New Jersey qualified small business stock held for more than five years.

History Reported from Assembly Commerce and Economic Development with committee amendments, referred to Assembly State and Local Government.

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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** Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

VETERANS



Support

S1148

- Sponsors** Mukherji (D32)
- Summary** Requires professional boards to issue licenses for veterans with good standing license or certification in another jurisdiction under certain circumstances.
- History** Reported from Senate Military and Veterans Affairs with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.