

NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS  
LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
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Not a lot of action has taken place in the new legislative session. Bills that were not acted on in the last session are being reintroduced and new bills are also being introduced.

We are one month into the new session and Jake is tracking 117 bills, 25 directly related to Fire Districts. The remainder to Fire & Emergency Service and Pensions... We will do our best to keep you informed on issues of significant interest to us.

The Governor in his Budget message to the Joint Legislators announced that in the 2015 budget is 8.5 million for consolidation and shared services. That fits in nicely with one of our proposed projects.

The following bills were signed into law in the 2013 portion of the legislative session.

S-2503 Requires medical oxygen providers to notify the fire department when they halt delivery to local residences.

S-900 Requires all State firefighter training be accredited.

S-1469 Provides surviving spouse of certain fire & police personnel who die in the line of duty with workers compensation for the entire period of survivorship.

S-1918 Permits Local Units to enter into Joint Agreements to purchase fire equipment.

A-3253 Provides emergency vehicle exemption for vehicle spotlights.

A-4119 Exempts certain persons from all-terrain use restrictions.

A-2593 Requires Director of Division of Fire Safety to review preparation of local fire mutual aid plans and determine necessity of designated fire structure command.

A-2596 Requires Commissioner of DCA to study portable fire extinguishers in residences and report to the governor no later than six months with his recommendations.

S-512 Authorizes payment of funeral expenses for certain public safety employees killed in the line of duty.

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A-266 Requires for roof mounted solar panel systems, identifying emblem on certain structures, and fire department notification for all structures.

A-1110 Affords emergency services peer counselor's confidentiality privileges.

A-2873 Removes statutory reference to 9-1-1 Commission which was renamed Statewide Public Safety Communications Commission.

A-3362 Exempts certain properties acquired by municipalities from county, school, and fire district taxes immediately upon acquisition.

Respectfully

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