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Legislative Committee **January 14, 2021**

To all members of the Legislative Committee, A-4745 passed the full Assembly by a vote of 75-0 on Monday, January 11, 2021. The bill is now sent on to the Senate to hopefully be approved and voted on soon. We are working on having the A-4745 bill and the identical bill S-1634 linked together. S-1634 was already approved by the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee. We are trying to get S-1634 placed on the board list for the next Senate Voting Session, which is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021. I sent a letter and emails requesting this (see attached letter to Senator Sweeney). I will keep everyone updated on the status of this.

There have been 113 new bills introduced this past week. The total number of our tracked bills is at 108, with 76 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 32 in Pensions. The total number of bills introduced is at 9,315 bills for the new legislative session. The Governor has signed 162 bills into law as of this afternoon. There are currently thirty bills sitting on the Governor's Desk awaiting to be signed. There is also attached a copy of the calendar report from today that shows two of our tracked bills listed for the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

The new bill A-5210, concerning the Firemen's Home, was sent out last week. I have attached a copy of my letter that I sent to Assemblyman Burzichelli Opposing it. I will attach the Letter as a Word Document, so everyone has it, if you send a letter using this please remember to change the name at the bottom and the middle paragraph where it gives a description about me. At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Firemen's Home on Saturday, January 9, 2021 the Firemen's Home Managers voted to table the discuss of this bill and discuss it at their next meeting scheduled for March.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senator Stephen M. Sweeney
935 Kings Highway
Suite 400
West Deptford, NJ 08086

To Senator Stephen M. Sweeney:

I am writing this letter in support of bill # S-1634, which raises maximum eligibility age for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association. This bill was approved out of committee by the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee and has not been scheduled for vote as of this date.

I want to also point out that there is a similar bill that was just voted on and approved in the Assembly, A-4745. These two bills (S-1634 & A-4745) are identical from what I understand with the amendments that were approved by committee. I need your help in getting these two bills lined up so they can be approved in the Senate. There is a Senate Voting Session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM, I would like to request that these bills be considered for the Senate Board List. If there is anything that you can do to help this bill become a law, it would greatly assist all firefighters for the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any questions that I can help answer or if I can be of any assistance in some way.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Calendar Report**Thursday, January 14, 2021****Senate, 10:00a Committees at Call of Senate President; 12:00p Quorum Call.****Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, 10:00a, remotely. (Revised 01/13/2021)**

- S1256 Singleton (D7)
Permits inclusion of volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders within municipal eligible employee group for purposes of the small employer health benefits plan statutes.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — SU
- S2051 Weinberg (D37); Stack (D33); Turner (D15)
Establishes fire safety standards and protocols for certain light frame residential construction; requires project labor agreements for this construction; requires placards identifying primary structural systems of buildings.
Tracking: *Fire & Emergency Services* — SU

Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee, 10:15a, remotely.**Senate Economic Growth Committee, 11:30a, remotely. (Revised 01/13/2021)****Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1:00p, remotely. (Revised 01/12/2021)****Senate Education Committee, 1:15p, remotely.**

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Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli
Bill Sponsor
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To Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli:

I am writing this letter in Opposition of bill # A-5210, which revises composition and certain functions of the New Jersey State Firemen's Home. This bill was recently introduced by you on January 4, 2021 and referred to the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee and has not been scheduled for a hearing as of this date.

I am currently the Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association as well as a Volunteer Fire Chief in Cliffside Park, Bergen County. I have been a volunteer for the Cliffside Park Volunteer Fire Department since 1998 and I have served as Department Fire Chief but currently hold the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. I strongly believe that this bill is not in the best interest of all the firefighters. This bill has multiple parts that I disagree with that I feel are wrong for the firefighter. It takes the voting right away from the firefighter to elect and replace a Firemen's Home Manager, takes away the ability for the President of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association to be a member of the executive board, and takes the money away from the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

I am asking for this bill to not be heard and be rescinded as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any questions that I can help answer or if I can be of any assistance in some way.

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