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Legislative Committee

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To all members of the Legislative Committee, I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break. There has been a lot going on the past few weeks, as we enter the second year of this current legislative session. This morning, President Ordway and I were able to testify in support of A-4745, Age Bill, during their Zoom Meeting for the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and I happy to report that this bill was voted out of committee. There is a scheduled Assembly Vote for Monday, January 11, 2021 where A-4745 is listed to be voted on. This morning the Governor signed one of our tracked bills that was sitting on his desk, S-487, "Dominick Marino PFRS Enhanced Benefits for Surviving Spouses Act."

There have been 52 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. I added one bill to Fire & Emergency Services, A-5210, which revises composition and certain functions of the New Jersey State Firemen's Home. The total number of bills introduced is at 9,202 bills for the new legislative session. The Governor has signed 157 bills into law as of this afternoon. There are currently twenty bills sitting on the Governor's Desk awaiting to be signed.

The new bill added to our tracking list, A-5210 is concerning the Firemen's Home, I have sent out an email this morning that included in an attachment the verbiage of the bill as well as another attachment explaining the revisions. I ask everyone to please review both as they are extremely important to our association. I am in the process of drafting a letter in opposition of this bill and I ask that after everyone reviews it so we as a committee agree in opposing this legislation. Please let me know any remarks or concerns with this. There is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Firemen's Home set for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 9:30 am being held virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID: 981 1665 4901 & Passcode: 064650). See their website for additional instruction if anyone wishes to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Office Of The Governor

GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNS THE "DOMINICK MARINO PFRS ENHANCED BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES ACT"

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed S-487, also known as the "Dominick Marino PFRS Enhanced Benefits for Surviving Spouses Act". The legislation is named after Dominick Marino, a former professional firefighter and past President of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey (PFANJ), who passed away earlier last year. The new law will provide financial security for a member's surviving spouse by ensuring that the accidental death benefit provided by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System cannot be below \$50,000 annually.

"A fierce advocate who put his heart and soul into everything he did for his PFANJ brothers and sisters, Dominick was a dear friend to me and to so many of us," said Governor Murphy. "It is my great honor to sign this bill to cement Dominick's legacy and help ensure that our first responders' loved ones who are left behind are taken care of."

"The health and well-being of his firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, as well as their families, were very important to our father. He continued to work hard and fight for them every day," said the Marino Family. "This bill is just one example of his hard work and dedication to them, and we are honored to have this bill named after him."

"Senate Bill 487, named after Past-President Dominick Marino exemplifies 'Donnie' and all that he represented as President of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey (PFANJ) before his untimely death in April 2020," said Steve McConlogue, President of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey. "He was the driving force behind this bill and felt passionately about ensuring that the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are taken care of regardless of years of service. As firefighters, we show up each and every day knowing the danger and risks involved and, just as we believe in the importance of protecting and serving the members of our communities, we believe in taking care of each other. This bill helps to ensure we are doing just that. Thank you to the members of the PFANJ who have worked tirelessly to help move this bill across the finish line and to the members of the General Assembly and Senate for passing this bill unanimously. Thank you Governor Murphy for signing this bill into law."

"Members of the public safety community put their lives on the line every day to protect and save the lives of every person in New Jersey," said Senator Brian Stack. "So, it is absolutely a tragedy when they die in the line of duty, and even worse when they leave behind a surviving spouse. This is why Senator Sacco and I worked to enhance the accidental death benefit of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System. Collectively, we have to look out for these families when they lose loved ones."

"As a mayor, it breaks my heart when I read about the accidental death of a police officer or firefighter," said Senator Nicholas Sacco. "And if I find out they left behind a surviving family; my first instinct is to do whatever I can to help regardless of where in the state they may be. Enhancing the accidental death benefit in their pension to provide a minimum amount will prevent them from having financial issues due to the loss of their spouse."

"Too many of our first responders, unfortunately, give their lives to keep their communities safe."

We will never be able to fully give back to those brave heroes, but the very least we can do is make sure their families are cared for," said Assemblymembers Angelica Jimenez, Pedro Mejia, and Carol Murphy in a joint statement. "Expanding the accidental death pension will benefit many families of fallen police officers and firefighters. It's another way we can continue to express our utmost respect and gratitude for their loved one's service."

Brian E. Martone • NJ State Firemen's Association

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Calendar Report**Monday, January 11, 2021****Assembly, 1:00p Voting Session (remotely).**

- A2280 Armato (D2); Murphy (D7); Vainieri Huttle (D37); Gopal (D11); Cryan (D20)
Criminalizes certain payments for referral of patients to substance use disorder treatment facilities.
- A3450 Johnson (D37)
Creates certain requirements for certain earned income access services and related provider contracts.
- A4288 Vainieri Huttle (D37); Chiaravalloti (D31); Quijano (D20)
Establishes certain requirements concerning rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, undesignated/non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex, and HIV-positive residents of long-term care facilities.
- A4454 Murphy (D7); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Verrelli (D15); Codey (D27); Smith (D17); Ruiz (D29)
Requires school districts to include instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- A4528 DeAngelo (D14); Houghtaling (D11); Singleton (D7); Gopal (D11)
Revises certain aspects of the State procurement process and permits auction or reverse auction procedures.
- A4631 Burzichelli (D3)
Allows for cashless payment at certain sports and entertainment venues.
- A4745 Armato (D2); Chaparro (D33); Danielsen (D17)
Raises from 45 to 57 maximum eligibility age for exempt fireman certificates and membership in New Jersey State Fireman's Association.
Tracking: Fire & Emergency Services
- A4783 Quijano (D20); Lampitt (D6); Jasey (D27)
Grants reciprocity to teachers with certain out-of-state certificates.
- A5033 Benson (D14); Dancer (R12); Verrelli (D15)
Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions.
- A5113 Timberlake (D34); Sumter (D35); Caputo (D28)
Appropriates \$11,777,499 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses.
- A5114 DeAngelo (D14); Speight (D29); Swain (D38)
Appropriates \$37.16 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.
- A5115 Moriarty (D4); Conaway (D7); Calabrese (D36)
Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.
- A5116 Johnson (D37); Auth (R39)
Authorizes State Treasurer to sell and convey certain surplus real property located in Township of Mahwah, County of Bergen.
- A5130 Jasey (D27)
Establishes "New Jersey Foreclosure Prevention Act."
- A5211 Wimberly (D35); Quijano (D20)
Updates and clarifies recent legislation passed by both Houses of the Legislature addressing cannabis legalization, and marijuana and hashish decriminalization.
- AR145 Karabinchak (D18); Johnson (D37)
Commemorates New Jersey -Taiwan sister state relationship and recognizes importance of strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan.
- S2419 Scutari (D22); Kennedy (D22)
Concerns local government regulation of installation, maintenance and repair of perimeter fence intrusion protection systems, other alarm systems, and locksmithing services.
- S2545 Singleton (D7); Gopal (D11); Codey (D27)
Establishes certain requirements concerning rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, undesignated/non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex, and HIV-positive residents of long-term care facilities.
- S2708 Sweeney (D3); Codey (D27); Benson (D14); Vainieri Huttle (D37); Verrelli (D15)
Requires certain provisions in State contracts for delivery of publicly financed mental health, behavioral health, and addiction services.
- S2713 Sarlo (D36); Codey (D27)
Allows for cashless payment at certain sports and entertainment venues.

Senate, 2:00p Voting Session; Swearing in of Senator Elect Anthony M. Bucco.

A1226 Schaer (D36); Jimenez (D32); Wimberly (D35); Mukherji (D33); Benson (D14); Quijano (D20)

- Requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to certain medical facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.
- A1537 Spearman (D5); Moen (D5)
Extends economic recovery term under "Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act", bars appeal of certain property assessments by Garden State Growth Zone Development Entity.
- A3199 Murphy (D7); Benson (D14); Vainieri Huttle (D37)
Prohibits discrimination against living organ donors in relation to life, health, and long-term care insurance.
- A4410 Greenwald (D6); Jasey (D27); Benson (D14)
Establishes Community College Opportunity Grant Program in Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to provide last-dollar financial aid grants to county college students and Student Success Incentive funding to county colleges.
- S265 Kean (R21); Pou (D35)
Requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to certain medical facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.
- S767 Gopal (D11)
Eliminates five percent down payment requirement for local bond ordinances involving New Jersey Infrastructure Bank transportation projects.
- S771 Scutari (D22)
Expands workers' compensation coverage to parking areas provided by employer.
- S775 Scutari (D22); Stack (D33)
Requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies.
- S1558 Scutari (D22)
Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances.
- S2217 Cruz-Perez (D5)
Extends economic recovery term under "Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act"; bars appeal of certain property assessments by Garden State Growth Zone Development Entity.
- S2315 Beach (D6); Scutari (D22)
Prohibits discrimination against living organ donors in relation to life, health, and long-term care insurance.
- S2419 Scutari (D22); Kennedy (D22)
Concerns local government regulation of installation, maintenance and repair of perimeter fence intrusion protection systems, other alarm systems, and locksmithing services.
- S2441 Kean (R21); Diegnan (D18)
Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS.
- S2644 Bateman (R16); Beach (D6)
Allows public libraries to dispose of certain materials without advertising for bids.
- S2725 Gopal (D11)
Concerns assessment of real property in counties operating under "Real Property Assessment Demonstration Program."
- S2727 Pennacchio (R26)
Establishes Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission; provides municipal guidance to periodically analyze local advancement of commission's senior citizen housing recommendations.
- S2743 Cunningham (D31); Ruiz (D29)
Establishes Community College Opportunity Grant Program in Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to provide last-dollar financial aid grants to county college students and Student Success Incentive funding to county colleges.
- S2913 Sweeney (D3); Burzichelli (D3)
Permits State agency to completely or partially terminate contract concerning marine terminal or attendant real property to serve important public purpose.
- S3223 Smith (D17); Bateman (R16)
Provides that electric vehicle charging infrastructure is inherently beneficial, may require minor site plan approval, and is permitted accessory use and structure.
- S3229 Codey (D27); Corrado (R40)
Appropriates \$37.16 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.
- S3230 Greenstein (D14); Corrado (R40)
Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.
- S3235 Beach (D6); Pou (D35)
Appropriates \$11,777,499 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses.
- S3320 (no information available)