

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- July 2009

Selected Chapter Laws 2007-2009

| 2007 CHAPTER | DESCRIPTION | STATUS |
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| <i>P.L. 2007, c.288</i> | <i>Creates the NJ Coastal and Ocean Protection Council; appropriates \$75,000</i> | <i>1/13/2008, P.L. 2007, c. 288; awaiting Governor's appointments to the Council and funding</i> |
| 2008 CHAPTER | DESCRIPTION | STATUS |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 1</i> | <i>Imposes moratorium on harvest and possession of horseshoe crabs</i> | <i>3/25/2008 Approved P.L. 2008, c. 1</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 3</i> | <i>Appropriates \$33 million from Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes</i> | <i>3/26/2008 Approved P.L. 2008, c.3</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 31</i> | <i>Allows in FY2009 up to \$9 million from the Shore Protection Fund to be used to help defray State park and forest operation and maintenance costs; requires DEP to study State park and forest fee structure and revenues sources and modify fees accordingly.</i> | <i>6/30/2008 Approved P.L. 2008, c.31</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 34</i> | <i>Repeals New Jersey-New York Clean Ocean and Shore Trust (COAST) Committee Act</i> | <i>6/30/2008 Approved P.L. 2008, c. 34</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 52</i> | <i>Revises statutes concerning abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels; authorizes certain entities to remove abandoned vessels</i> | <i>8/5/2009 Approved P.L. 2008, c. 52</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 54</i> | <i>Authorizes municipal planning boards to adopt green buildings and environmental sustainability municipal master plan element</i> | <i>8/5/2008 Approved P.L.2008, c.54.</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c.82</i> | <i>Public Access and Marina Safety Task Force Act</i> | <i>9/10/2008 Approved P.L.2008, c.82.</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 90</i> | <i>Exempts certain renewable energy systems from real property taxation</i> | <i>10/1/2008 Approved P.L. 2008, c. 90</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2008, c. 130</i> | <i>Revises Electronic Waste Recycling Act</i> | <i>1/12/2009 Approved P.L. 2008, c.130</i> |
| 2009 CHAPTER | DESCRIPTION | STATUS |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.4</i> | <i>Authorizes public entities to implement energy savings improvement programs</i> | <i>1/21/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c.4</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.33</i> | <i>Requires Developers to offer solar energy systems in certain new home construction</i> | <i>3/31/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c.33</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.35</i> | <i>Permits location of certain wind and solar facilities in industrial zones</i> | <i>3/31/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c.35</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.40</i> | <i>Changes riparian land grant and lease process and amends various parts of statutory law.</i> | <i>4/15/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c. 40</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.42</i> | <i>Increases cap for underground storage tank remediation grants to independent colleges</i> | <i>4/15/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c. 42</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c.51</i> | <i>Establishes a pilot program in DOE to address the State's shortage of mathematics and science teachers</i> | <i>5/4/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c. 51</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c. 59</i> | <i>Makes several changes to the Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program</i> | <i>5/6/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c. 59</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009, c. 60</i> | <i>Establishes licensing program for site remediation professionals; changes laws concerning site remediation.</i> | <i>5/7/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c. 60</i> |
| <i>P.L. 2009 c. 77</i> | <i>Appropriates funds to DEP for clean water environmental infrastructure projects</i> | <i>6/29/2009 Approved P.L. 2009, c.77</i> |

2008-2009 PENDING LEGISLATION

| BILL NUMBER/SPONSOR | DESCRIPTION | STATUS |
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| <i>A187/Johnson</i> | <i>Empowers special agents and enforcement officers of NOAA's Fisheries Office to make arrests for certain violations of State Law</i> | <i>1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee</i> |
| <i>A246/Vandervalk</i> | <i>Limits operation of personal watercraft in coastal wetlands</i> | <i>1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee</i> |
| <i>A283/Rumpf</i> | <i>Establishes Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program in DEP and appropriates \$200,000 from Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund</i> | <i>6/12/2008 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee</i> |
| <i><u>S832/Ciesla</u></i> | <i>Provides credit under corporation business tax and gross income tax for Marinas and boatyards that follow certain environmentally sound management practices.</i> | <i>1/28/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A952/Thompson</u> <u>S.1241/Kyrillos</u></i> | <i>Dedicates \$20 million annually in realty transfer fee revenues to pay for development, improvement, and repair of State parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites, natural areas and fish and wildlife areas</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A961/Thompson</u></i> | <i>Directs State owned or operated Marinas to provide a 50% discount on boat launching fees for senior citizens on weekdays.</i> | <i>1/8/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1202/Chiappone</u></i> | <i>Changes composition and revises authority of Fish and Game Council; creates nonlethal alternative committee within council</i> | <i>1/8/2008- Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1808/Milam</u></i> | <i>Authorizes DEP and NJ Marine Fisheries Council to regulate taking and management of striped bass</i> | <i>1/24/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1519/Rible;</u> <u>S336/Kean</u></i> | <i>Prohibits the use of certain fishing gear on artificial reefs</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; 1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee; 2/21/2008 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading; 10/23/2008 Passed by the Senate (32-4);10/23/2008 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1699/Van Pelt;</u> <u>S.1661/Connors</u></i> | <i>Requires assessment of bay scallop resource, and authorizes DEP to establish a bay scallop fishery.</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; 5/5/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1218/Wolfe</u></i> | <i>Allocates at least \$100 million from the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for coastal and inland Blue Acres land acquisition projects in flood-prone areas</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</i> |
| <i><u>A1520/Rible; S.338</u> <u>Kean</u></i> | <i>Appropriates \$14 million in Green Acres funds to purchase Takanassee Beach Club</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee; 1/8/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee</i> |
| <i><u>S696/Smith</u> <u>A4120</u></i> | <i>Establishes New Jersey State Building Green Building Technology Task Force</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee; 6/22/2009 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee</i> |
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| <u>S697/Smith;</u> <u>A.1937/Chivaukula</u> | <i>Establishes NJ Commission on Global Climate Change</i> | <i>1/8/08-Introduced, referred to Senate Environment Committee; 1/28/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</i> |
| <u>AJR7/Albano & SJR</u> <u>37/VanDrew</u> | <i>Establishes the Saltwater Fisheries and Aquaculture Task Force</i> | <i>2/25/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 6/12/2008 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading; 2/21/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee</i> |
| <u>A3786/Milam</u> <u>S2690/VanDrew</u> | <i>Implements recommendations of the Assembly Coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force</i> | <i>3/5/2009 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee 3/12/2009 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee 6/4/2009 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading; 3/9/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee</i> |
| <u>A4110/Coutinho</u> <u>S.2019/Codey</u> | <i>Repeals the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium Statute</i> | <i>6/11/2009 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Budget Committee 6/11/2009 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee 6/15/2009 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading</i> |
| <u>S1628 Ken/A3873</u> | <i>Requires environmental sustainability plan for State House Complex</i> | <i>5/5/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment Committee; 5/7/2009 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</i> |
| <u>A3082/Lampitt</u> | <i>Establishes "green teams" to develop and advance energy conservation and efficiency and environmental sustainability in State governmental offices</i> | <i>9/15/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee 6/8/2009 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading</i> |
| <u>A3318/Conaway</u> | <i>Requires DEP to notify municipality of Environmental violations by a local entity</i> | <i>10/16/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</i> |
| <u>A2034/Gusciora</u> <u>S1250/Bateman</u> | <i>Requires the design of new public schools to incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines</i> | <i>2/7/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee; 2/21/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee</i> |
| <u>A2437/McKeon</u> | <i>Establishes special environmental prosecutor</i> | <i>3/3/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</i> |