

## Governor Chris Christie Takes Action on Pending Legislation

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**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Christie has taken action on pending legislation, signing twenty-five bills and either conditionally or absolutely vetoing sixteen others. Among the legislation conditionally vetoed by the Governor is S-958/A-1088, a bill to permit pharmacy sales of syringes and needles without a prescription.

In issuing the conditional veto, Governor Christie cited the need to weigh both unnecessary impediments for individuals who use injectable medications and the need for additional public safety measures to limit the distribution of needles or syringes used for non-medical purposes while also discouraging minors from buying needles or syringes. Among the Governor's recommendations is the requirement of purchasers to present a photo identification to demonstrate proof of age, similar to requirements in federal law for various cold medicines. Additionally, the changes would require the Department of Health & Senior Services to provide pharmacies information about syringe disposal and substance abuse treatment.

### BILLS SIGNED:

S-211/A-4383 (Whelan/Burzichelli, Caputo) – Requires guidance offered by Local Finance Board to members of local governing body employed by casino, or regarding casino employment of immediate family member thereof, be in form of public advisory opinion

SCS for S-590/ACS for A-1677 (Beach, Haines/Greenwald, Conners, Prieto, Quijano) – Requires public institutions of higher education and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' to include link on their websites for access to educational information

S-847/A-3862 (Turner, Allen/Prieto, Ramos, Conners, Moriarty, Gusciora) – Requires signs posted by retail motor fuel dealers to indicate motor fuel prices for cash and credit card customers; establishes additional \$1,000 penalty for violations

S-1141/A-898 (Van Drew/Dancer, Albano, Milam) – Permits board of fire commissioners to amend fire district budget after adoption to insert special items of revenue

S-1301/A-3818 (Madden, Doherty/Moriarty, DiMaio, Watson Coleman, Singleton) – Provides unemployment insurance benefits for shared work programs; requires Department of Labor and Workforce Development report

S-1711/A-3837 (Turner, Allen/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Riley, Singleton, Quijano) – Establishes ovarian cancer public awareness campaign in DHS

S-1797/A-1718 (Norcross/Burzichelli, Spencer, Prieto, Moriarty, Fuentes) w/Statement – Allows students with disabilities to bring service animal to school

S-2212/A-4381 (Madden, Scutari/Conaway, Munoz) – Establishes New Jersey Multiple Sclerosis Task Force

S-2731/A-3876 (Girgenti, Sacco/Bramnick, Wagner, Coughlin, Evans) – Establishes that certification for police training course lasts five years

S-2880/A-4063 (Van Drew Beach/Albano, Milam, Amodeo) - Provides penalty for registration violations occurring under State's saltwater fishing registry program

S-2985/A-4171 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Schaer, Chiusano) – Concerns rights of financial counterparties to terminate and settle certain agreements with certain insurers in the event of insolvency or liquidation

A-921/S-2456 (Chivukula, McKeon/Scutari, Cardinale) – "New Jersey Trade Secrets Act"

A-2845/S-3149 (Burzichelli, Milam, Albano, Riley/Whelan) – Prohibits MVC from inspecting buses on casino-owned property and designated casino parking, pick-up, or drop-off locations, except under exigent circumstances

A-2878/S-2028 (Vainieri Huttle, Chivukula, Ramos/Gordon, Greenstein) – Requires DHS to collect and disseminate

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data about persons with developmental disabilities

A-3133/S-2927 (Riley, Coughlin, Burzichelli/Gordon, Beach) - Permits use of rebates, allowances, concessions, or benefits for motor fuel purchases on credit, debit or rewards cards

A-3591/S-1979 (Johnson, Chivukula/Weinberg) - Concerns certain limitations on claims for victim compensation

A-3659/S-2719 (Angelini, Ribble, Wolfe, Holzapfel, Vainieri Huttle/S. Kean, Beach) – Requires DCF to develop and adopt Statewide youth suicide prevention plan

ACS for A-3908/S-2765 (DeAngelo, Benson, Ramos, Moriarty/Beck, Buono) – Requires State, regional, and local authorities, boards, and commissions to establish an Internet website and post information related to each entity's mission, finances, meetings, and employees

A-4008/S-3053 (Diegnan, Jasey, Schroeder, Coughlin/Ruiz, Allen) – Requires DOE to include cheerleaders in the student-athlete head injury safety program

A-4012/S-3147 (Coughlin, Burzichelli/Vitale) – Eliminates permit requirement for home production of wine and beer for personal use

A-4111/S-2998 (Conners, Milam, Tucker, Conaway/Beach, Madden) – Creates Veterans Haven Council

A-4114/S-2956 (Coughlin, Wagner, Wisniewski, Wilson/Vitale, Rice) – Allows all municipalities to sell and lease unneeded public property for "urban" farming and gardening purposes

A-4177/S-2909 (Albano, Milam/Van Drew) – Allows MVC to process title transfer of abandoned vessels without court order; lengthens time period required for desertion of vessel to ripen into abandonment

A-4267/S-3078 (Wagner, Prieto, A.M. Bucco, Coughlin, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin, Wisniewski/Gordon, Bateman, Greenstein) – Allows counties and municipalities to use open space trusts funds for purchase of flood-prone properties

ACS for A-4297/SCS for S-3010 (Wisniewski, Caputo, Wagner, Mainor, McKeon, Prieto, Evans, Fuentes/Sacco, Greenstein, T. Kean, Allen) – "Caylee's Law;" upgrades penalties for failing to report a death; criminalizes failure to report disappearance of child within 24 hours

#### BILLS VETOED:

S-958/A-1088 (Vitale, Weinberg/Gusciora, Johnson, Coughlin) - CONDITIONAL – Permits limited pharmacy sales of syringes and needles without a prescription

S-441/A-3625 (Turner, Gordon/Stender) - CONDITIONAL – Limits annual fee increases in shared service agreement to 2 percent

S-676/A-3166 (Sarlo, Gill/Egan, Evans, Wisniewski, Giblin) - CONDITIONAL – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

SCS for S-1406/ACS for A-2502 (B. Smith, Bateman/Chivukula, DeAngelo, Lampitt, Gusciora, Vainieri Huttle, Diegnan) - CONDITIONAL – Establishes "New Jersey Property Assessment Clean Energy (NJ PACE) Municipal Financing Program"

S-2422 (Turner, Sacco) - CONDITIONAL – Modifies provisions of municipal ordinance requiring bond or other security from landlord

S-2989/A-3949 (Codey, Van Drew/Chivukula, Mainor, Riley) - CONDITIONAL – Exempts certain collocations of wireless equipment from site plan approval

S-3046/A-4323 (Gill/Schaer, Benson) - CONDITIONAL – Requires State to provide recipients of State tax refunds, unemployment insurance benefits and State employee compensation certain payment options

S-3052/A-4336 (Whelan, Sarlo/Benson, Coutinho, Singleton, DeAngelo) - CONDITIONAL – Establishes Small Business Loan Program in EDA allowing certain small businesses to be eligible for low interest rate loans of up to \$250,000 to expand their businesses

A-387/SCS for S-1735 (Barnes, Diegnan, Greenstein, Stender, Ramos, Green/Vitale, Gordon) - CONDITIONAL – Increases specialized care nursing facility beds for persons with Huntington's Disease

A-1448/S-2124 (Wisniewski, McKeon, Rudder/Whelan) - CONDITIONAL – Prohibits manufacture or sale of reflective glass beads with high arsenic content; prohibits DOT and State's toll road authorities from using paint mixed with reflective glass beads for roadway markings

A-2095/SCS for S-818 (Conaway, Fuentes, Evans, Quigley/Vitale, Sweeney) - CONDITIONAL – Revises requirements

for emergency medical services delivery

A-2464/S-1783 (Burzichelli, Quijano/Oroho, Addiego) - CONDITIONAL - Requires all State agency rules be published in NJ Register, and prohibits use of regulatory guidance documents except under certain circumstances

A-3688/S-2728 (Wilson, Riley, Quijano, Vainieri Huttel, Jasey/Norcross, Whelan, Ruiz) - CONDITIONAL – Authorizes Department of Agriculture to implement mobile fresh produce markets for residents of urban “food desert” communities

A-3991/S-2978 (Chivukula, Johnson/Whelan) - CONDITIONAL – Provides exception from BPU standards for construction and installation of certain solar and photovoltaic electric generation equipment on utility poles by electric public utilities

ACS for A-3992/SCS for S-2887 (Chivukula/B. Smith) - CONDITIONAL – Provides for streamlined review of certain wind energy generation facility installments on farmland

A-4332/S-3080 (Oliver, Coughlin, Wisniewski, Moriarty, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Gordon, Madden) - ABSOLUTE – Establishes “Back to Work NJ Program”; makes an appropriation

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