



Garden State Bar Association New Jersey Legislative Update

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As of November 21st, 2008:

- 3,519 bills and 116 resolutions have been introduced in the General Assembly this session;
- 2,313 bills and 91 resolutions have been introduced in the Senate;
- A total of 104 bills have been signed into law by the Governor.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2008 TO NOVEMBER 21ST, 2009

The following bills have become law:

Bill Information	Description
A-1766 Asm. Watson Coleman	Establishes compelling circumstances exception to mandatory driver's license suspension under conditional discharge statute
A-2780 Asm. Schaer	Provides period of extension for repayment of introductory rate mortgages on residential property under certain circumstances.
S-367 Senator Lesniak	Upgrades penalties for tampering with witnesses and informants
S-1119 Senator T. Kean	Permits parent of stillborn child to request certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth directly from State registrar.
S-1165 Senator Adler	Provides marketing, information disclosure, and suitability requirements for certain annuities directly solicited to consumers.
S-1914 Senator Sarlo	Strengthens enforcement against employers for failure to provide workers' compensation coverage.
A3459 Asw. Watson Coleman	Appropriates \$12,500,000 from Long Term Obligation and Capital Expenditure Fund and \$51,471,000 in federal funds for housing related purposes. (*Has passed the Assembly and is before the Senate on November 24, 2008.)

The following bills are pending in the General Assembly or the Senate:

Civil Actions

Bill Information	Description
A-1018 Asm. Wisniewski	Amends Tort Claims Act concerning liability for discretionary acts.
A-1550 Asw. Greenstein	Eliminates inheritance rights and the right of recovery in certain civil actions for a surviving parent who abandoned a decedent child.
A-2292 Asw. Greenstein	Makes various changes to the "Law Against Discrimination"; repeals section 4 of P.L.1985, c.73.
A-2861 Asm. Conoway	Provides civil immunity for certain volunteer physicians, nonprofit clinics and federally qualified health centers.
A-1158 Asw. Oliver	Expands wrongful death act to allow recovery for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society and loss of companionship.

More information on this legislation can be found at
<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

Court Administration

Bill Information	Description
A-2303 Asm. Diegnan	Imposes limits on fees charged for discovery in municipal court matters.
A-2339 Asw. Greenstein	Requires policy on use of alternative dispute resolution for State agencies; expands duties of Dispute Settlement Office of Department of Public Advocate.
A-2760 Asw. Pou	Establishes "Court Security Enhancement Fund" and increases court fees.
A-2707/ S-1420 Asm. Conners	Increases certain fees in Special Civil Part; increases certain fees paid to persons to serve process in Special Civil Part.
A-2715/S-1981 Asm. Roberts	Provides that the New Jersey Supreme Court shall have the authority to administer juror challenges through its rulemaking process.
A-1083 Asm Cryan	Permits publication of legal notices by governments and individuals on official government website instead of newspaper.

Criminal Law

Bill Information	Description
A-1771 Asw. Watson Coleman	Revises eligibility for expungement of criminal and juvenile delinquency records.
A-1309 Asw. Stender	Requires the "Commission to Review Criminal Sentencing" to examine activities which victimize persons, particularly women and children, and are not codified in the Code of Criminal Justice and recommend appropriate legislation for establishing such crimes.

Family Law

Bill Information	Description
A-112 Asw. Vainieri Huttle	Provides that payment of alimony shall become judgment by operation of law when due, and shall be enforceable as a civil judgment.
A-315 Asw. Quigley	Provides that DNA test results may be used in establishing parentage.
A-809 Asm. Gusciora	Enacts the "New Jersey Parentage Act of 2006."

Property

Bill Information	Description
A-143 Asm. Ramos	Eliminates a parent's right to inherit under certain circumstances.
A-1478 Asm. Burzichelli	Requires executors to post bond and provide periodic accountings to the court where beneficiary is developmentally disabled.
A-2054 Asm. Wisniewski	Shortens time periods for adverse possession, clarifies statutes, and repeals N.J.S.2A:14-30 and N.J.S.2A:14-31.

Prosecutors

Bill Information	Description
A-376 Asm. Diegnan	Prohibits municipal prosecutors from making certain recommendations to the court.

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