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BCTCTA 3rd Quarterly Meeting September 18, 2025 (2024-2025)

Bill: **A941**
Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Tully (D38); Marenco (D33) +11
Summary: Makes total property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans retroactive to effective date of determination of total disability; requires State to reimburse municipalities for reimbursement of property taxes paid to veteran.
Subjects: Human Services-Disabled; Taxation-Property Tax; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:S313; 2022:A3928; 2022:S131; 2020:A255; 2020:S220; 2018:A2472; 2018:S1406; 2016:A2772; 2016:S2281; 2014:A3255; 2012:A2345; 2010:A978; 2008:A3398; 2006:A1729; 2006:S770; 2004:A1835; 2004:S1023; 2002:A3989; 2002:S2445
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/20/2025 — Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
02/13/2025 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
03/20/2025 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill: **A3000**
Sponsors: Miller (D4); Marenco (D33); Moen (D5) +1
Summary: Permits veteran's property tax deduction for tax year when veteran was previously qualified to receive deduction and became owner of real property after October 1 of pretax year.
Subjects: Taxation-Property Tax; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:S4089; 2022:A2244; 2020:A2451; 2018:A4172; 2018:S1407; 2016:S90; 2014:A2294; 2014:S171; 2012:S322; 2010:S2929
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/19/2025 — Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
01/23/2025 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Housing Committee.
06/19/2025 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill: **A3953**
Sponsors: Inganamort (R24); Fantasia (R24)
Summary: Requires State reimbursement to local government units for first-year uncollected property tax revenue attributable to veterans' property tax exemptions.
Subjects: Taxation-Property Tax; Veterans And Military
Related: 2024:S3318
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/04/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 03/04/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Bill: **A5042**
Sponsors: Lopez (D19); Calabrese (D36); Sampson (D31) +17
Summary: Requires public entities purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency; requires Division of Purchase and Property establish training protocols for all purchasing agents; grants Central Nonprofit Agency right of first refusal.
Subjects: Charities And Non Profit Organizations; State Government
Related: 2024:S4040
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 11/14/2024 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 11/14/2024 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Bill: **A5175**
Sponsors: Danielsen (D17); Sauickie (R12); Clifton (R12) +55
Summary: Reinstates automatic COLAs for retirement benefits of certain PFRS members.
Subjects: Public Safety-Firefighters; Public Safety-Police
Related: 2024:S4404
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee

Status: 01/14/2025 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 01/14/2025 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Bill: **A5277 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Simmons (D3); McCoy (D14); Peterpaul (D11)
Summary: Establishes public awareness campaign and call center for certain property tax relief programs; requires submission of annual report by Stay NJ Task Force.
Subjects: Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:S4368
Progress: 1st House: Passed
Status: 06/30/2025 — Passed in the Assembly
History: 02/10/2025 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
03/20/2025 — Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
06/19/2025 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2025 — Passed in Assembly 77-1-1.

Bill: **A5373 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Bailey (D3); Venezia (D34); Spearman (D5) +1
Summary: Modifies procedures for determination and payment of fair market value in distressed municipalities; concerns real property that is abandoned, vacant, or subject to unpaid taxes.
Subjects: Local Government-Municipalities; Property
Related: 2024:S4222
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 06/19/2025 — 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 02/27/2025 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Housing Committee.
06/19/2025 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: **A5695**
Sponsors: Bailey (D3)
Summary: Modifies interest rates and accrual of interest on certain unpaid water and sewer utility bills and delinquent municipal taxes, assessments, and other municipal liens and charges.
Subjects: Public Utilities; Taxation-Property Tax
Related: 2024:S4468; 2022:A2784; 2020:A3940; 2018:A1493; 2016:A1780; 2016:S1033; 2014:A2541; 2014:S1239; 2012:A3576; 2012:S2653
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 05/22/2025 — Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee
History: 05/22/2025 — Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee.

Bill: **A5874**
Sponsors: Sauickie (R12)
Summary: Provides property tax deduction up to $5,000 to honorably discharged veterans having a service-connected disability rating less than 100 percent.
Subjects: Taxation-Property Tax; Veterans And Military
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 — Assembly State and Local Government Committee
History: 06/23/2025 — Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Bill: **S3787 ScaSaSaAca (4R)**
Sponsors: Scutari (D22); Ruiz (D29); Pintor Marin (D29); Morales (D34)
Summary: Requires municipal tax collectors who obtain payments in lieu of taxes under "Long Term Tax Exemption Law" to transmit county portion directly to county.
Subjects: Local Government-Municipalities
Related: 2024:A5613
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 07/08/2025 — Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 10/10/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
12/05/2024 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
12/19/2024 — Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).
01/14/2025 — Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Ruiz).
01/30/2025 — Passed in Senate 37-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
05/15/2025 — Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

05/22/2025 — Substituted for A-5613 (1R). Passed in Assembly 78-0-0.
05/29/2025 — Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments.
06/02/2025 — Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 38-0.
07/08/2025 — Signed by the Governor P.L.2025, c.91.

Bill: **S3811**
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Revises definition of "contracting unit" for government cooperative purchasing agreements.
Subjects: State Government
Related: 2024:A5019
Progress: 1st House: 2nd Reading
Status: 12/16/2024 — 2nd reading in the Senate
History: 10/21/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.
12/16/2024 — Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.

Bill: **S3941**
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Summary: Concerns local unit budget processes and related operations.
Subjects: Local Budget And Finance; Local Government-Municipalities
Related: 2024:A5240
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 12/09/2024 — Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 12/09/2024 — Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

Bill: **S3997**
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Turner (D15) +7
Summary: Provides PERS members and certain retirees same benefits provided to members enrolled in retirement system before July 1, 2007.
Subjects: Pensions-Public Employees
Related: 2024:A5160
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 01/14/2025 — Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee
History: 01/14/2025 — Introduced and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Bill: **S4653**
Sponsors: Singleton (D7)
Summary: The "Vacant Property Revitalization and Affordable Housing Act"; establishes fund to revitalize certain real property and revises process for tax lien holder to foreclose the right of redemption; appropriates $50 million.
Subjects: Housing-Affordable Housing
Progress: 1st House: Referred to Committee
Status: 06/23/2025 — Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 06/23/2025 — Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

Bill: **S4654**
Sponsors: Scutari (D22); Bucco (R25); Schnall (D30); Inganamort (R24) +1
Summary: Provides for publication of required legal notices on government Internet websites and through certain online news publications.
Subjects: Public Records, Notice And Meetings; State Government
Related: 2024:A5878
Progress: Pamphlet Law
Status: 06/30/2025 — Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 06/19/2025 — Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/26/2025 — Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/30/2025 — Passed in Senate 36-0. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly. Substituted for A-5878. Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 73-2-2. Signed by the Governor P.L.2025, c.72.