

National MS Society - NJ Chapter Advocacy Network (2008-2009)

Bill: A837 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Chivukula (D17); Egan (D17); Munoz (R21); Chiappone (D31) +13
Summary: Requires wheelchair securement devices and wheelchair occupant securement devices on certain vehicles and training in their use for certain employees.
Related: 2006:A3459; 2006:S2577
Status: 12/08/2008 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/08/2008—Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.
05/12/2008—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.
12/08/2008—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: A2889 Aa (1R)
Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); Malone (R30); Fisher (D3); Karrow (R23); Vas (D19) +2
Summary: Makes revisions to personal assistance services program in DHS.
Related: 2008:S1986
Status: 11/24/2008 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 06/05/2008—Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.
09/22/2008—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
10/27/2008—Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Burzichelli).
11/17/2008—Passed in Assembly 78-0-0.
11/24/2008—Received in Senate and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill: A3211
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Quigley (D32)
Summary: Makes reforms to "Health Care Quality Act;" requires audits of provider networks.
Related: 2008:S2261
Status: 12/08/2008 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 09/25/2008—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
12/08/2008—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: S692 Sa (1R)
Sponsors: Cunningham (D31); Ruiz (D29) +8
Summary: Provides for annual cost-of-living increase in amount of Lifeline Credit and Tenants' Lifeline Assistance payment.
Related: 2008:A688; 2008:A2664; 2006:A1267; 2006:S410; 2006:S1808; 2004:A2676; 2004:S211; 2004:S1391; 2002:A750; 2002:S88; 2000:A2206; 2000:S1085
Status: 12/08/2008 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/08/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee.
02/21/2008—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/19/2008—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
10/23/2008—Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate 31-0 (Cunningham).
11/24/2008—Passed in Senate 40-0.
12/08/2008—Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly.

Bill: S1573
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)
Summary: Eliminates minimum average daily enrollment requirement for certain private schools for students with disabilities.
Status: 11/24/2008 – Withdrawn from the files
History: 04/07/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee.
11/24/2008—Withdrawn from the files.

Bill: S1650
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Allen (R7) +2

Summary: "Self-Directed Support Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Rights Act."
Related: 2008:A2259
Status: 11/24/2008 – Substituted by another bill
History: 05/05/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
10/16/2008—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
11/24/2008—Substituted by A-2259.

Bill: **S2364**
Sponsors: Kean, S. (R11)
Summary: Requires wheelchair-only handicapped parking spaces in certain parking lots.
Related: 2006:A576; 2004:A3918
Status: 11/24/2008 – Senate Transportation Committee
History: 11/24/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Transportation Committee.

Bill: **S2394**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Vitale (D19)
Summary: Directs Medicaid to establish medical home demonstration project.
Related: 2008:A3553
Status: 12/08/2008 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 12/08/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Bill: **S2401**
Sponsors: Van Drew (D1); Cunningham (D31)
Summary: Requires issuance of construction permits for installation of wheelchair ramps on residential real property within 3 business days of application.
Status: 12/08/2008 – Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
History: 12/08/2008—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.