



# NYSA GOVERNMENT WATCH

June 10, 2014

(X) Oppose

(√) Support

(NP) No Position at this time

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## Legislation

### New Jersey

#### 2012-2013 Session Bills – Outcomes

√ **S-2747 (Gordon)/A-1470 (Stender):** Prohibits the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey from imposing cargo facility charge in certain instances. ***Introduced May 9, 2013, referred to Senate Transportation Committee. Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 6/13/13. Passed by senate (37-0) 6/27/13. Received in the Assembly, referred to Assembly Transportation, Public Work sand Independent Authorities Committee 6/27/13. Transferred to Assembly Budget Committee 1/6/14. Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1/9/14. S-2747 Substituted for A-1470 (1st Reading) 1/13/14. Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (79-0). Signed by Governor, Approved P.L.2013, c.216., 1/17/14.***

### New Jersey

#### 2014-2015 Session Bills

##### Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

X **S-281 (Rice/Ruiz):** Authorizes certain municipalities to impose a tax on the storage of empty shipping containers to fund redevelopment plan activities. ***Introduced January 14, 2014.***

##### Senate Labor

X **S-992 (Weinberg):** Establishes “Truck Operator Contractor Act.” ***Introduced January 27, 2014. Referred to Senate Labor Committee.***

√ **SJR-36 (Pennacchio/Lesniak):** Urges Governor and Legislature of New York to enact legislation requiring the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor to accept applications for inclusion of new employees to the longshoremen’s register. ***Introduced February 27, 2014. Referred to Senate Labor Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Labor Committee on April 28, 2014. Heard and held from vote. To be revisited in the Fall of 2014.***

√ **S-2033 (Pennacchio/Cunningham):** Revises exemption from “unemployment compensation law” for operators of certain motor vehicles. ***Introduced May 5, 2014. Referred to Senate Labor Committee.***

### Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee

✓ **A-2386 (Singleton):** Establishes “Port Support Zone” surrounding certain ports and marine terminals. ***Introduced February 6, 2014.*** *Referred to Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee.*

### Assembly Labor Committee

✓ **AJR-61 (Rumana/Quijano):** Urges Governor and Legislature of New York to enact legislation requiring the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor to accept applications for inclusion of new employees to the longshoremen’s register. ***Introduced February 27, 2014.*** *Referred to the Assembly Labor Committee. Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 3/24/14. Passed by the Assembly (72-0) 3/27/14. Received in the Senate, referred to the Senate Labor Committee 3/27/14.*

✓ **A-3208 (Mainor/Quijano/Sumter):** Revises exemption from “unemployment compensation law” for operators of certain motor vehicles. ***Introduced May 15, 2014.*** *Referred to Assembly Labor Committee.*

### Assembly Transportation, Public Works, and Independent Authorities Committee

**NP** **A-1344 (Stender, Diegnan, Wisniewski):** Concerns transfer of PANYNJ Contracts related to marine terminals. ***Introduced January 16, 2014.*** *Referred to Assembly Transportation, Public Works, and Independent Authorities Committee.*

**X** **A-1692 (Wisniewski):** Concerns fair business *practices* at intermodal marine terminals. ***Introduced January 16, 2014.*** *Referred to Assembly Transportation, Public Works, and Independent Authorities Committee.*

✓ **A-2686 (Johnson):** Establishes gubernatorial veto power over Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor’s meeting minutes; expands gubernatorial oversight powers over commission. ***Introduced February 20, 2014.*** *Referred to Assembly Transportation, Public Works, and Independent Authorities Committee.*

### Gubernatorial Appointments

**Michael Murphy, Esq., Commissioner/Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**

**John J. Degnan, Esq., Chairman/ Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**

**George Laufenberg, Board of Commissioners, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**

### New York

#### 2013-2014 Session Bills

✓ **A-4636 (Cusick/Farrell):** An Act to amend the waterfront commission act, in relation to empowering the waterfront commission to accept applications in the longshoremen’s register; and to amend section 5-p of such act relating thereto. ***Introduced February 7, 2013.*** *Referred to the Assembly Corporations, Authorities Committee.*

✓ **S-3984 (Lanza):** An act to amend the waterfront commission act, in relation to empowering the waterfront commission to accept applications in the longshoremen's register; and to amend section 5-p. of such act relating thereto. **Introduced March 4, 2013.** Referred to Senate Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee. Referred to the Senate Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee 1/8/14. Reported and committed to the Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs Committee 5/28/14.

X **A-5237 (Wright):** Enacts the "New York State Commercial Goods Transportation Industry Fair Play Act," redefines the definition of "employee." **Introduced February 21, 2013.** Referred to Assembly Labor Committee. Amended and Passed Assembly June 21, 2013. Delivered to Governor 12/30/2013. **Signed by Governor, Chap.588, January 10, 2014.**

X **S-4589 (Savino):** Enacts the New York State Commercial Goods Transportation Industry Fair Play Act." **Introduced April 12, 2013.** Referred to Senate Labor Committee. Passed from Labor Committee May 21, 2013. Amended and Passed Senate June 21, 2013. Delivered to Governor 12/30/2013. **Signed by Governor, Chap.588, January 10, 2014.**

✓ **S-5395 (Savino):** Requires the Waterfront & Airport Commission to submit meeting minutes for gubernatorial review and approval; expands gubernatorial oversight powers. Prohibits the commission from promulgating regulations, or retaining counsel, private consultants, or auditors without approval by governors of New York and New Jersey. **Introduced May 16, 2013.** Referred to Senate Finance Committee.

✓ **A-8706 (Cusick):** Requires the Waterfront & Airport Commission to submit meeting minutes for gubernatorial review and approval; expands gubernatorial oversight powers. Prohibits the commission from promulgating regulations, or retaining counsel, private consultants, or auditors without approval by governors of New York and New Jersey. **Introduced 2/4/2014.** Referred to Assembly Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee.

✓ **A-9546 (Cusick):** Relates to cargo facility charges on import and export cargo leaving any marine terminal owned or operated by the port authority. **Introduced May 6, 2014.** Referred to Assembly Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee.

✓ **S-6156 (Ranzenhofer):** Relates to cargo facility charges on import and export cargo leaving any marine terminal owned and operated by the port authority. **Introduced January 8, 2014.** Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Reported out of committee 5/20/14. Second reading 5/21/14. Advanced to third reading 5/28/14.

### **Federal Legislative Initiatives**

**Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor Compact Revision Act of 2014**  
Preliminary discussions are about to begin with members of the New Jersey and New York Congressional delegations for the purpose of gaining their support for revisiting and revision of the Waterfront Commission Compact where appropriate to clarify the commission's role for the future.

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