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SYNOPSIS

Allows electric public utilities to enter into agreements to place power restoration equipment on private property in anticipation of certain power outages.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain electric public utility emergency
2 response measures and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 “Board” means the Board of Public Utilities or any successor
11 agency.

12 “Electric public utility” or “utility” means a public utility, as
13 defined in R.S.48:2-13, that operates an electricity distribution
14 system for public use within this State.

15 “Major event” means an occurrence arising from conditions
16 beyond the control of an electric public utility, including, but not
17 limited to, a terrorist attack, thunderstorm, tornado, hurricane,
18 flood, heat wave, snow storm, ice storm, or earthquake, which result
19 in:

20 a. a sustained interruption of utility service to at least 10
21 percent of the customers in a service area or 10 percent of a utility’s
22 customers within a municipality or county located in a utility
23 service area; or

24 b. the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the
25 State or by the federal government.

26 “Service area” means a defined geographical service territory
27 where an electric public utility operates an electricity distribution
28 system for public use within this State as approved by the board.

29 “Sustained interruption” means the cessation of electric public
30 utility service to one or more customers lasting more than 48 hours.

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32 2. An electric public utility may enter into an agreement with
33 an owner of private property to place the utility’s power restoration
34 equipment, as determined by the utility, on that private property for
35 deployment in anticipation of a sustained interruption caused by a
36 major event.

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
39 inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill allows an electric public utility (utility) to enter into an
45 agreement with an owner of private property to place the utility’s
46 power restoration equipment, as determined by the utility, on that
47 private property for deployment in anticipation of a “sustained
48 interruption” caused by a “major event” as those terms are defined
49 in the bill.