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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes installation and operation of meter collar adapters on residential electric meters, under certain conditions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on November 21, 2022.



1 AN ACT concerning certain electrical equipment used on residential
 2 electric meters 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. a. An electric public utility shall authorize the installation and
 9 operation of a meter collar adapter, whether owned by a residential
 10 customer ¹, by the utility,¹ or by a third-party, provided the meter
 11 collar adapter meets the following criteria:

12 (1) the meter collar adapter is qualified to be connected to the
 13 supply side of the service disconnect pursuant to the applicable
 14 provisions of the National Electric Code;

15 (2) the meter collar adapter is approved or listed by a nationally
 16 recognized testing laboratory and is suitable, according to the device's
 17 approval or listing documentation, for use in meter sockets that are
 18 rated up to 200 amperes;

19 (3) the meter collar adapter is certified to meet all applicable
 20 standards, as determined by a nationally recognized testing laboratory;
 21 and

22 (4) the meter collar adapter does not impede access to the sealed
 23 meter socket compartment or the pull section of the service section of
 24 the electric meter or switchboard, as applicable.

25 b. ¹A manufacturer of a meter collar adapter or an electric public
 26 utility may install, maintain, or service a meter collar adapter or
 27 associated equipment, provided that the work is performed by a duly
 28 qualified and licensed electrician or electrical contractor.

29 c. An electric public utility may recover the cost of service work
 30 on any customer-owned meter collar adapter by charging the customer
 31 directly.

32 d.¹ An electric public utility shall modify its electric service
 33 requirements as necessary to implement the provisions of this section
 34 no later than six months after the effective date of this section.

35 ¹**[c.] e.**¹ An electric public utility shall approve or disapprove a
 36 meter collar adapter for installation in its service area no later than 60
 37 days after a manufacturer submits a request for approval of the meter
 38 collar adapter. An electric public utility shall provide public notice of
 39 all decisions approving a meter collar adapter, including by posting the
 40 information on the utility's Internet website.

41 ¹**[d.] f.**¹ The board may adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to
 42 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
 43 seq.), as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

44 ¹**[e.] g.**¹ As used in this section:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted November 21, 2022.

1 "Board" means the Board of Public Utilities.

2 "Electric public utility" means the same as the term is defined in
3 section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51).

4 "Meter collar adapter" means an electronic device that is installed
5 between a residential electric meter and the meter socket, for the
6 purpose of facilitating the deployment and interconnection of an onsite
7 electricity generation source or for the purpose of isolating a
8 customer's electrical load to enable the provision of backup power.

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10 2. This act shall take effect ¹【on the 180th day next following the
11 date of enactment, except that the Board of Public Utilities may take
12 anticipatory administrative action, in advance thereof, as may be
13 necessary for the implementation of this act】 immediately¹ .