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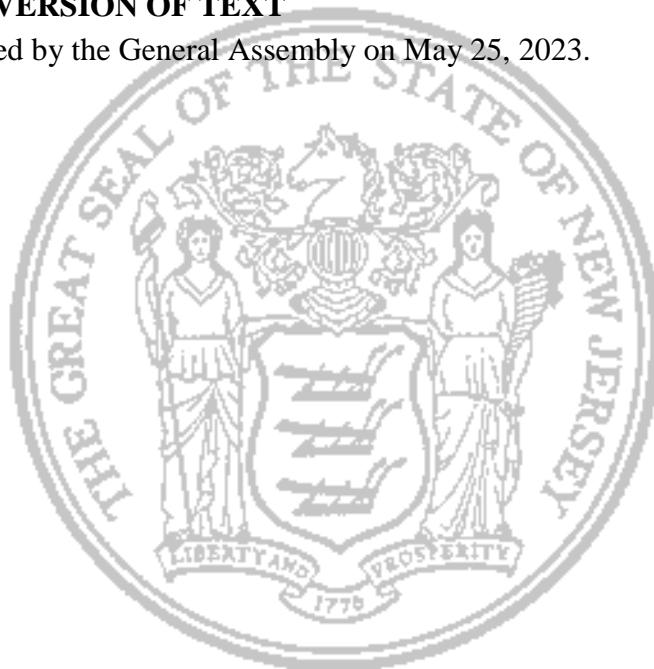
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on May 25, 2023.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2023)

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
9 and operation of a meter collar adapter, whether owned by a
10 residential customer ¹, by the utility,¹ or by a third-party, provided
11 the meter 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
17 device's approval or listing documentation, for use in meter sockets
18 that are 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
21 laboratory; 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
24 of the electric meter or switchboard, as applicable.

25 b. ¹A manufacturer of a meter collar adapter ², a third-party, a
26 residential customer,² or an electric public utility may install,
27 maintain, or service a meter collar adapter or associated equipment,
28 provided that ³:

29 (1)³ the work is performed by a duly qualified and licensed
30 electrician or electrical contractor ³; and

31 (2) the model of meter collar adapter has been approved by the
32 electric public utility pursuant to subsection e. of this section³ .

33 c. An electric public utility may recover the cost of service work
34 on any customer-owned meter collar adapter ³, or maintenance or
35 repair work on any electric public utility-owned equipment necessary
36 due to the installation of a customer-owned meter collar adapter,³ by
37 charging the customer directly.

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

42 ¹[c.] e.¹ An electric public utility shall approve or disapprove a
43 ³request from a manufacturer for approval of a specific model of³
44 meter collar adapter for installation in its service area no later than

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.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 19, 2022.

³Assembly floor amendments adopted May 25, 2023.

1 ³[60] 90³ days after ³[a manufacturer submits] the electric public
2 utility receives³ a request for approval ³, which includes the specific
3 model³ of the meter collar adapter. An electric public utility shall
4 provide public notice of all decisions approving a ³model of³ meter
5 collar adapter, including by posting the information on the utility's
6 Internet website.

7 ¹[d.] f.¹ ³An electric public utility may not be held liable for
8 damage, attributable to a meter collar adapter installed pursuant to
9 this section, to any person or property.

10 g.³ The board may adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
11 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
12 seq.), as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

13 ¹[e.] ³[g.] ¹ h.³ As used in this section:

14 "Board" means the Board of Public Utilities.

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

17 "Meter collar adapter" means an electronic device that is
18 installed between a residential electric meter and the meter socket,
19 for the purpose of facilitating the deployment and interconnection
20 of an onsite electricity generation source or for the purpose of
21 isolating a customer's electrical load to enable the provision of
22 backup power.

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24 2. This act shall take effect ¹[on the 180th day next following the
25 date of enactment, except that the Board of Public Utilities may take
26 anticipatory administrative action, in advance thereof, as may be
27 necessary for the implementation of this act] immediately¹ .