

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3092

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3092.

This bill would require electric public utilities in the State to authorize the installation and operation of meter collar adapters. As used in the bill, "meter collar adapter" means an electronic device that is installed between a residential electric meter and the meter socket, for the purpose of facilitating the deployment and interconnection of an onsite electricity generation source or for the purpose of isolating a customer's electrical load to enable the provision of backup power.

The bill would establish certain criteria for the types of meter collar adapters that electric utilities would be required to authorize, as enumerated in subsection a. of section 1 of the bill. The bill would also require each electric public utility to modify its electric service requirements as necessary to implement the bill's provisions within six months after the bill's effective date. Under the bill, an electric utility would be required to approve or disapprove a meter collar adapter for installation in its service area no later than 60 days after a manufacturer submits a request for approval of the adapter. The bill would also require the electric utility to provide public notice of all decisions approving a meter collar adapter. The bill authorizes the Board of Public Utilities to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.