

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4902

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires BPU to designate certain natural gas transmission lines as interstate natural gas transmission extension lines.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain natural gas transmission lines, and  
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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

9 “Board” means the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities or any  
10 successor agency.

11 “Natural gas transmission line” means any pipe, main, or other  
12 infrastructure of a public utility having a capacity, as determined by  
13 the board, to be used for the transmission of natural gas, but the  
14 term shall not include a distribution or service line used to distribute  
15 natural gas to customers.

16 “Public utility” shall have the same meaning as provided in  
17 R.S.48:2-13.

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19 2. a. The board shall, upon the Pipeline and Hazardous  
20 Materials Safety Administration in the United States Department of  
21 Transportation granting jurisdictional authority to the State,  
22 designate an intrastate natural gas transmission line connected to an  
23 interstate natural gas transmission line in this State as an interstate  
24 natural gas transmission extension line. Only the portion of the  
25 intrastate natural gas transmission line that lies between the point of  
26 connection of the interstate natural gas transmission line and the  
27 intrastate natural gas transmission and the first point of connection  
28 of the intrastate natural gas transmission line and a natural gas  
29 distribution line shall be designated as an interstate natural gas  
30 transmission extension line.

31 b. The provisions of the “Natural Gas Safety Act,” P.L.1952, c.  
32 166 (C.48:10-2 et seq.) shall not apply to a natural gas transmission  
33 line that has been designated by the board as an interstate natural  
34 gas transmission extension line.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
42 (board), upon the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety  
43 Administration in the United States Department of Transportation  
44 granting jurisdictional authority to the State, to designate an  
45 intrastate natural gas transmission line connected to an interstate  
46 natural gas transmission line in this State as an interstate natural gas  
47 transmission extension line.

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1 Under the bill, only the portion of the intrastate natural gas  
2 transmission line that lies between the point of connection of the  
3 interstate natural gas transmission line and the intrastate natural gas  
4 transmission and the first point of connection of the intrastate  
5 natural gas transmission line and a natural gas distribution line shall  
6 be designated as an interstate natural gas transmission extension  
7 line.

8 The bill provides that the State's "Natural Gas Safety Act" is not  
9 to apply to a natural gas transmission line that has been designated  
10 by the board as an interstate natural gas transmission extension line.  
11 The "Natural Gas Safety Act" provides in part that the board is to  
12 have general supervision and jurisdiction over natural gas pipeline  
13 utilities and their property, equipment, and facilities.

14 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates the  
15 transmission and sale of natural gas for resale in interstate  
16 commerce.