

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 174

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 6, 1998

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 174.

As amended, the bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person who knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit or license issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and (1) creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or (2) derives a benefit; or (3) in fact causes injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact" indicates strict liability.

The committee amended the bill to delete the provision that any person advertising or engaging in the business of electrical contracting without having a license from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors is a disorderly person.

The committee also amended the bill to provide that a person would be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if he knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and the value of any benefit derived is more than incidental.

As reported by the committee, the bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 824 (2R).