

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 824**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 23, 1998

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 824.

This bill, as amended by the committee, 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 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 deleted the provision in the bill which provides 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.