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Assembly, No. 4569 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the provision of electric generation service and
2 gas supply service and amending P.L.1999, c.23.

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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. Section 36 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-85) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 36. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
10 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
11 contrary, the board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
12 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall initiate a
13 proceeding and shall adopt, after notice, provision of the
14 opportunity for comment, and public hearing, interim consumer
15 protection standards for electric power suppliers or gas suppliers,
16 within 90 days of February 9, 1999, including, but not limited to,
17 standards for collections, credit, contracts, and authorized changes
18 of an energy customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, for
19 the prohibition of discriminatory marketing, for advertising and for
20 disclosure. The standards shall be effective as regulations
21 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law and
22 shall be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may,
23 thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted by the board in
24 accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure
25 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

26 (1) (a) An electric power supplier or gas supplier shall not
27 provide electric generation service or gas supply service to a
28 customer in this State unless the electric power supplier or gas
29 supplier has provided the customer a one-page information sheet
30 summarizing the material terms and conditions of the contract as
31 determined by the board. Contract standards shall include, but not
32 be limited to, requirements that electric power supply contracts or
33 gas supply contracts conspicuously disclose the duration of the
34 contract; state the price per kilowatt hour or per therm or other
35 pricing determinant approved by the board; use a 12-point font;
36 provide a one-page information sheet in a 12-point font
37 summarizing the material terms and conditions of the contract in
38 English and Spanish, as determined by the board; ²provide the
39 phone number and website for filing complaints with the Board of
40 Public Utilities, Division of Customer Assistance, and a one

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:

¹Assembly ATU committee amendments adopted February 24, 2021.

²Senate SEG committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 sentence explanation of the practice known as “slamming,” which is
2 an unauthorized change of a customer's electric power supplier or
3 gas supplier, in a 12-point, boldface font on the one-page
4 information sheet;² and state, in a 12-point, boldface font, whether
5 the contract is for a fixed rate or a variable rate, and provide a brief
6 explanation of the difference between a fixed rate and a variable
7 rate that is easily understandable by the general public, including an
8 explanation on how weather fluctuations may affect the price of
9 variable rate contracts; have the customer's written signature [or
10 electronic signature; an audiorecording of a telephone call initiated
11 by the customer; independent, third-party verification, in
12 accordance with section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86), of a
13 telephone call initiated by an electric power supplier, gas supplier,
14 or private aggregator; or any alternative forms of verification as the
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16 Department of Law and Public Safety, may permit for] ¹or
17 electronic signature^{1 2}; an audio recording of a telephone call
18 initiated by the customer; independent, third-party verification, in
19 accordance with section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86), of a
20 telephone call initiated by an electric power supplier, gas supplier,
21 or private aggregator; or any alternative forms of verification as the
22 board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
23 Department of Law and Public Safety, may permit² prior to
24 switching electric power suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract
25 renewal; and include termination procedures, notice of any fees, and
26 toll-free or local telephone numbers for the electric power supplier
27 or gas supplier and for the board. An electric power supplier or gas
28 supplier shall not provide the customer's telephone number,
29 electronic mail address, or postal address to other electric power
30 suppliers or gas suppliers if the customer's telephone number
31 appears on the no telemarketing call list established and maintained
32 by the Division of Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of
33 section 9 of P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call
34 registry as maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

35 (b) As used in this paragraph, "customer" means a residential
36 customer or a commercial electric customer with a cumulative peak
37 load of 50 kilowatts or less, or a commercial gas customer with a
38 cumulative peak load of 5,000 therms or less.

39 (2) Standards for the prohibition of discriminatory marketing
40 shall provide, at a minimum, that a decision made by an electric
41 power supplier or a gas supplier to accept or reject a customer shall
42 not be based on race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion,
43 source of income, receipt of public benefits, family status, sexual
44 preference, or geographic location. The board shall adopt reporting
45 requirements to monitor compliance with its standards.

46 (3) Advertising standards for electric power suppliers or gas
47 suppliers shall provide, at a minimum, that optional charges to the

1 customer will not be added to any advertised cost per kilowatt hour
2 or per therm, and that the only unit of measurement that may be
3 used in advertisements is cost per kilowatt hour or per therm, unless
4 otherwise approved by the board. If an electric power supplier or
5 gas supplier does not advertise using cost per kilowatt hour or per
6 therm, the electric power supplier or gas supplier shall provide, at
7 the customer's request, an estimate of the cost per kilowatt hour or
8 per therm. Any optional charges to the customer shall be identified
9 separately and denoted as optional.

10 (4) Credit standards shall include, at a minimum, that the credit
11 requirements used to make decisions must be the same for all
12 residential customers and that electric power suppliers, gas
13 suppliers, and private aggregators not impose unreasonable income
14 or credit requirements.

15 (5) Billing standards shall include, at a minimum, provisions
16 prohibiting electric public utilities, gas public utilities, electric
17 power suppliers, and gas suppliers from charging a fee to residential
18 customers for either the commencement or termination of electric
19 generation service or gas supply service.

20 b. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
21 an electric power supplier, a gas supplier, an electric public utility,
22 and a gas public utility shall not disclose, sell, or transfer individual
23 proprietary information, including, but not limited to, a customer's
24 name, address, telephone number, energy usage, and electric power
25 payment history, to a third party without the consent of the
26 customer.

27 (2) (a) An electric public utility or a gas public utility may
28 disclose and provide, in an electronic format, which may include a
29 CD rom, diskette, and other format as determined by the board,
30 without the consent of a residential customer, a residential
31 customer's name, rate class, and account number, to a government
32 aggregator that is a municipality or a county, or to an energy agent
33 acting as a consultant to a government aggregator that is a
34 municipality or a county, if the customer information is to be used
35 to establish a government energy aggregation program pursuant to
36 sections 42, 43, and 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92;
37 and C.48:3-94). The number of residential customers and their rate
38 class, and the load profile of non-residential customers who have
39 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy
40 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
41 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
42 to this paragraph prior to the request by the government aggregator
43 for bids pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 45 of
44 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), and the name, address, and account
45 number of a residential customer and the name, address, and
46 account number of non-residential customers who have
47 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy

1 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
2 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
3 to this paragraph upon the awarding of a contract to a licensed
4 power supplier or licensed gas supplier pursuant to paragraph (2) of
5 subsection b. of section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94). Any
6 customer information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph shall not
7 be considered a government record for the purposes of, and shall be
8 exempt from the provisions of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

9 (b) An electric public utility or a gas public utility disclosing
10 customer information pursuant to this paragraph shall exercise
11 reasonable care in the preparation of this customer information, but
12 shall not be responsible for errors or omissions in the preparation or
13 the content of the customer information.

14 (c) Any person using any information disclosed pursuant to this
15 paragraph for any purpose other than to establish a government
16 energy aggregation program pursuant to sections 42, 43, and 45 of
17 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92; and C.48:3-94) shall be
18 subject to the provisions of section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
19 83).

20 (d) The role of an electric public utility or a gas public utility in
21 a government energy aggregation program established pursuant to
22 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.) shall be limited to the provisions
23 of this paragraph.

24 (3) Whenever any individual proprietary information is
25 disclosed, sold, or transferred, pursuant to paragraph (1) or
26 paragraph (2) of this subsection, it shall be used only for the
27 provision of continued electric generation service, electric related
28 service, gas supply service, or gas related service to that customer.
29 In the case of a transfer or sale of a business, customer consent shall
30 not be required for the transfer of customer proprietary information
31 to the subsequent owner of the business for maintaining the
32 continuation of those services.

33 (4) Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
34 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
35 contrary, the board shall, within 90 days of the effective date of
36 P.L.2003, c.24 (C.48:3-93.1 et al.), review existing regulations
37 including, without limitation, Chapter 4 of Title 14 of the New
38 Jersey Administrative Code (Energy Competition **Standards**), to
39 determine their consistency with the provisions of section 36 of
40 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-85), section 43 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
41 92) and section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), repeal or modify
42 any regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions thereof, and
43 shall adopt regulations and standards implementing the provisions
44 thereof permitting disclosure of customer information without the
45 consent of the customer including, without limitation, provisions for
46 the development of a board-approved agreement between the
47 disclosing party and the receiving party and the creation of a

1 mechanism for the recovery by the disclosing electric public utility
2 or gas public utility of its reasonable incremental costs of providing
3 the customer information if those costs are not covered in an
4 existing third party supplier agreement.

5 (5) An electric power supplier, a gas supplier, a gas public
6 utility, or an electric public utility may use individual proprietary
7 information that it has obtained by virtue of its provision of electric
8 generation service, electric related service, gas supply service, or
9 gas related service to:

10 (a) Initiate, render, bill, and collect for these services to the
11 extent otherwise authorized to provide billing and collection
12 services;

13 (b) Protect the rights or property of the electric power supplier,
14 gas supplier, or public utility; and

15 (c) Protect consumers of these services and other electric power
16 suppliers, gas suppliers, or electric and gas public utilities from
17 fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful use of, or subscription to, these
18 services.

19 c. The board shall establish and maintain a database for the
20 purpose of recording customer complaints concerning electric and
21 gas public utilities, electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, private
22 aggregators, and energy agents. ²The board shall publish on its
23 website on a quarterly basis a detailed report regarding customer
24 complaints that shall not include the names or other personal
25 information of the customers who complained, but shall include the
26 names of the electric and gas public utilities, electric power
27 suppliers, gas suppliers, private aggregators, and energy agents
28 against which the complaints were filed.²

29 d. The board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
30 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall establish,
31 or cause to be established, a multi-lingual electric and gas consumer
32 education program. The goal of the consumer education program
33 shall be to educate residential, small business, and special needs
34 consumers about the implications for consumers of the restructuring
35 of the electric power and gas industries. The consumer education
36 program shall include, but need not be limited to, the dissemination
37 of information to enable consumers to make informed choices
38 among available electricity and gas services and suppliers, and the
39 communication to consumers of the consumer protection provisions
40 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.).

41 The board shall ensure the neutrality of the content and message
42 of advertisements and materials.

43 The board shall promulgate standards for the recovery of
44 consumer education program costs from customers which include
45 reasonable measures and criteria to judge the success of the
46 program in enhancing customer understanding of retail choice.

47 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2003, c.24)²**[.]²**

1 f. (1) In addition to the advertising standards adopted by the
2 board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of this section, the
3 board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
4 Department of Law and Public Safety, shall adopt, pursuant to the
5 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
6 1 et seq.) interim advertising and marketing standards for electric
7 power suppliers, gas suppliers, brokers, energy agents, marketers,
8 private aggregators, sales representatives, and telemarketers
9 applicable to potential residential customers, within 270 days of the
10 effective date of P.L.2013, c.263, which standards shall include, but
11 not be limited to, prohibiting electric power suppliers, gas suppliers,
12 brokers, energy agents, marketers, private aggregators, sales
13 representatives, and telemarketers from: (a) making false or
14 misleading advertising claims to a potential residential customer; or
15 (b) contacting a potential residential customer by telephone for the
16 purpose of making an unsolicited advertisement if the electric
17 power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer,
18 private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer does not
19 have an existing business relationship with the potential residential
20 customer and the residential customer's telephone number appears
21 on the no telemarketing call list established and maintained by the
22 Division of Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of section
23 9 of P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call
24 registry as maintained by the Federal Trade Commission. The
25 standards shall be effective as regulations immediately upon filing
26 with the Office of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a
27 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,
28 adopted, or readopted by the board in accordance with the
29 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
30 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

31 (2) In addition to any other penalties, fines, or remedies
32 authorized by law, an electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker,
33 energy agent, marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or
34 telemarketer that violates subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this
35 subsection and collects charges for electric generation service or
36 gas supply service supplied to a residential customer, who was
37 subjected to false or misleading advertising claims by the electric
38 power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer,
39 private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer in violation
40 of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be
41 liable to the residential customer in an amount equal to all charges
42 paid by the residential customer after such violation occurs in
43 accordance with any procedures as the board may prescribe,
44 whether the electric power supplier or gas supplier provided the
45 electric generation service or gas supply service to that customer, or
46 the electric generation service or gas supply service was provided to
47 the customer by a broker, energy agent, marketer, private

1 aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer who contacted the
2 customer on behalf of the electric power supplier or gas supplier.
3 An electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent,
4 marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer
5 that violates this subsection shall also be liable for a civil penalty
6 pursuant to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83). The board is
7 hereby authorized to revoke the license of any electric power
8 supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer, or private
9 aggregator that violates this subsection.
10 (cf: P.L.2015, c.164, s.1)

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12 2. Section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 37. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
15 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
16 contrary, the board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
17 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall initiate a
18 proceeding and shall adopt, after notice, provision of the
19 opportunity for comment, and public hearing, interim standards for
20 electric power suppliers or gas suppliers, within 90 days of
21 February 9, 1999, to prevent and establish penalties for
22 unauthorized changes of a consumer's electric power supplier or gas
23 supplier, a practice commonly known as "slamming." Such
24 standards shall be effective as regulations immediately upon filing
25 with the Office of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a
26 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,
27 adopted or readopted by the board in accordance with the provisions
28 of the "Administrative Procedure Act."

29 b. Standards for the prohibition of unauthorized changes in a
30 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier shall include:

31 (1) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
32 supplier or a gas public utility shall not cause an unauthorized
33 change in a customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, a
34 practice known as "slamming." A change in a customer's electric
35 power supplier or gas supplier shall be deemed to be unauthorized
36 unless the customer has done so affirmatively and voluntarily and
37 the electric power supplier or gas supplier has obtained the
38 customer's approval, which approval shall be evidenced by the
39 customer's written signature **■**; the customer's electronic signature;
40 an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the customer;
41 independent, third-party verification, in accordance with paragraph
42 (2) of this subsection, of a telephone call initiated by an electric
43 power supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public
44 utility; or such alternative forms of verification as the board, in
45 consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs, may permit **■**
46 'or electronic signature' ¹ ²; an audio recording of a telephone call
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1 accordance with section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86), of a
2 telephone call initiated by an electric power supplier, gas supplier,
3 or private aggregator; or any alternative forms of verification as the
4 board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
5 Department of Law and Public Safety, may permit² prior to
6 switching electric power suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract
7 renewal;

8 (2) ~~[(a) A company performing independent, third-party~~
9 ~~verification shall: (i) be independent from the entity that seeks to~~
10 ~~provide the new service; (ii) not be directly or indirectly managed,~~
11 ~~controlled, directed or owned, wholly or in part, by the entity that~~
12 ~~seeks to provide the new service, or by any affiliate of that entity;~~
13 ~~(iii) operate from facilities physically separate from those of the~~
14 ~~entity that seeks to provide the new service; and (iv) not derive any~~
15 ~~commission or compensation based upon the number of sales~~
16 ~~confirmed;~~

17 (b) A company performing independent, third-party verification
18 shall obtain a customer's oral confirmation regarding the change and
19 shall record that confirmation by obtaining appropriate verification
20 data. The record shall be available to the customer upon request.
21 Information obtained from a customer through confirmation shall
22 not be used for marketing purposes;] ²~~[(Deleted by amendment,~~
23 ~~P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)] (a) A~~
24 company performing independent, third-party verification shall: (i)
25 be independent from the entity that seeks to provide the new
26 service; (ii) not be directly or indirectly managed, controlled,
27 directed or owned, wholly or in part, by the entity that seeks to
28 provide the new service, or by any affiliate of that entity; (iii)
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34 shall obtain a customer's oral confirmation regarding the change and
35 shall record that confirmation by obtaining appropriate verification
36 data. The record shall be available to the customer upon request.
37 Information obtained from a customer through confirmation shall
38 not be used for marketing purposes;²

39 (3) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
40 supplier or a gas public utility shall not fail to cause a change in a
41 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, within a period
42 of time determined to be appropriate by the board, when a supplier
43 or utility is in receipt of a change order provided that such change
44 order has been received in a manner that complies with federal and
45 State rules and regulations, including as provided in this subsection;

46 (4) The acts of an agent of an electric power supplier, an electric
47 public utility, a gas supplier or a gas public utility shall be

1 considered the acts of the electric power supplier, electric public
2 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility.

3 c. A customer's new electric power supplier, electric public
4 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall notify the customer of
5 the change in the customer's electric or gas supplier within 30 days
6 in a manner to be determined by the board.

7 d. Bills to customers from an electric power supplier, electric
8 public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall contain the
9 name and telephone number of each supplier for whom billing is
10 provided, ²the phone number and website for filing complaints with
11 the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Customer Assistance,² and
12 any other information deemed applicable by the board.

13 e. In addition to any other penalties, fines or remedies
14 authorized by law, any electric power supplier, electric public
15 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that violates this section
16 and collects charges for electric power supply or gas supply
17 services from a customer or through an entity providing customer
18 account services shall be liable to the electric power supplier,
19 electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility previously
20 selected by the customer in an amount equal to all charges paid by
21 the customer after such violation in accordance with such
22 procedures as the board may prescribe. Any electric power
23 supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that
24 violates this section shall also be liable for a civil penalty pursuant
25 to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83); and the board is hereby
26 authorized to revoke the license of any entity that violates this
27 section.

28 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.3)

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30 3. Section 41 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-90) is amended to read
31 as follows:

32 41. a. A private aggregator shall register with the board, which
33 shall include the filing of basic information pertaining to the
34 supplier, such as name, address, telephone number, and company
35 background and profile. A private aggregator shall provide annual
36 updates of this information to the board. The registration shall also
37 include evidence of financial integrity, as determined by the board,
38 and evidence that the private aggregator has knowledge of the
39 energy industry.

40 b. Any residential customer that elects to purchase electric
41 generation service or gas supply service, after the implementation
42 of gas unbundling pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
43 58), through a private aggregator must do so affirmatively and
44 voluntarily, ~~either~~ ²either² through ¹~~a~~ the customer's¹ written
45 signature ~~;~~ the customer's electronic signature; an audio recording
46 of a telephone call initiated by the customer; independent, third-
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10 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and
11 Public Safety, may permit² prior to switching electric power
12 suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract renewal.

13 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.4)

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15 4. This act shall take effect ²**[immediately]** on the 30th day
16 following enactment².

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21 _____
22 Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to
publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4569

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED AUGUST 24, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires electric power suppliers and gas suppliers to receive written signature from person prior to switching provision of electric generation service or gas supply service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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5 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and
6 Public Safety, may permit for] prior to switching electric power
7 suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract renewal; and include
8 termination procedures, notice of any fees, and toll-free or local
9 telephone numbers for the electric power supplier or gas supplier
10 and for the board. An electric power supplier or gas supplier shall
11 not provide the customer's telephone number, electronic mail
12 address, or postal address to other electric power suppliers or gas
13 suppliers if the customer's telephone number appears on the no
14 telemarketing call list established and maintained by the Division of
15 Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 of
16 P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call registry as
17 maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

18 (b) As used in this paragraph, "customer" means a residential
19 customer or a commercial electric customer with a cumulative peak
20 load of 50 kilowatts or less, or a commercial gas customer with a
21 cumulative peak load of 5,000 therms or less.

22 (2) Standards for the prohibition of discriminatory marketing
23 shall provide, at a minimum, that a decision made by an electric
24 power supplier or a gas supplier to accept or reject a customer shall
25 not be based on race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion,
26 source of income, receipt of public benefits, family status, sexual
27 preference, or geographic location. The board shall adopt reporting
28 requirements to monitor compliance with its standards.

29 (3) Advertising standards for electric power suppliers or gas
30 suppliers shall provide, at a minimum, that optional charges to the
31 customer will not be added to any advertised cost per kilowatt hour
32 or per therm, and that the only unit of measurement that may be
33 used in advertisements is cost per kilowatt hour or per therm, unless
34 otherwise approved by the board. If an electric power supplier or
35 gas supplier does not advertise using cost per kilowatt hour or per
36 therm, the electric power supplier or gas supplier shall provide, at
37 the customer's request, an estimate of the cost per kilowatt hour or
38 per therm. Any optional charges to the customer shall be identified
39 separately and denoted as optional.

40 (4) Credit standards shall include, at a minimum, that the credit
41 requirements used to make decisions must be the same for all
42 residential customers and that electric power suppliers, gas
43 suppliers, and private aggregators not impose unreasonable income
44 or credit requirements.

45 (5) Billing standards shall include, at a minimum, provisions
46 prohibiting electric public utilities, gas public utilities, electric
47 power suppliers, and gas suppliers from charging a fee to residential

1 customers for either the commencement or termination of electric
2 generation service or gas supply service.

3 b. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
4 an electric power supplier, a gas supplier, an electric public utility,
5 and a gas public utility shall not disclose, sell, or transfer individual
6 proprietary information, including, but not limited to, a customer's
7 name, address, telephone number, energy usage, and electric power
8 payment history, to a third party without the consent of the
9 customer.

10 (2) (a) An electric public utility or a gas public utility may
11 disclose and provide, in an electronic format, which may include a
12 CD rom, diskette, and other format as determined by the board,
13 without the consent of a residential customer, a residential
14 customer's name, rate class, and account number, to a government
15 aggregator that is a municipality or a county, or to an energy agent
16 acting as a consultant to a government aggregator that is a
17 municipality or a county, if the customer information is to be used
18 to establish a government energy aggregation program pursuant to
19 sections 42, 43, and 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92;
20 and C.48:3-94). The number of residential customers and their rate
21 class, and the load profile of non-residential customers who have
22 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy
23 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
24 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
25 to this paragraph prior to the request by the government aggregator
26 for bids pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 45 of
27 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), and the name, address, and account
28 number of a residential customer and the name, address, and
29 account number of non-residential customers who have
30 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy
31 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
32 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
33 to this paragraph upon the awarding of a contract to a licensed
34 power supplier or licensed gas supplier pursuant to paragraph (2) of
35 subsection b. of section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94). Any
36 customer information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph shall not
37 be considered a government record for the purposes of, and shall be
38 exempt from the provisions of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

39 (b) An electric public utility or a gas public utility disclosing
40 customer information pursuant to this paragraph shall exercise
41 reasonable care in the preparation of this customer information, but
42 shall not be responsible for errors or omissions in the preparation or
43 the content of the customer information.

44 (c) Any person using any information disclosed pursuant to this
45 paragraph for any purpose other than to establish a government
46 energy aggregation program pursuant to sections 42, 43, and 45 of
47 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92; and C.48:3-94) shall be

1 subject to the provisions of section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
2 83).

3 (d) The role of an electric public utility or a gas public utility in
4 a government energy aggregation program established pursuant to
5 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.) shall be limited to the provisions
6 of this paragraph.

7 (3) Whenever any individual proprietary information is
8 disclosed, sold, or transferred, pursuant to paragraph (1) or
9 paragraph (2) of this subsection, it shall be used only for the
10 provision of continued electric generation service, electric related
11 service, gas supply service, or gas related service to that customer.
12 In the case of a transfer or sale of a business, customer consent shall
13 not be required for the transfer of customer proprietary information
14 to the subsequent owner of the business for maintaining the
15 continuation of those services.

16 (4) Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
17 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
18 contrary, the board shall, within 90 days of the effective date of
19 P.L.2003, c.24 (C.48:3-93.1 et al.), review existing regulations
20 including, without limitation, Chapter 4 of Title 14 of the New
21 Jersey Administrative Code (Energy Competition **Standards**), to
22 determine their consistency with the provisions of section 36 of
23 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-85), section 43 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
24 92) and section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), repeal or modify
25 any regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions thereof, and
26 shall adopt regulations and standards implementing the provisions
27 thereof permitting disclosure of customer information without the
28 consent of the customer including, without limitation, provisions for
29 the development of a board-approved agreement between the
30 disclosing party and the receiving party and the creation of a
31 mechanism for the recovery by the disclosing electric public utility
32 or gas public utility of its reasonable incremental costs of providing
33 the customer information if those costs are not covered in an
34 existing third party supplier agreement.

35 (5) An electric power supplier, a gas supplier, a gas public
36 utility, or an electric public utility may use individual proprietary
37 information that it has obtained by virtue of its provision of electric
38 generation service, electric related service, gas supply service, or
39 gas related service to:

40 (a) Initiate, render, bill, and collect for these services to the
41 extent otherwise authorized to provide billing and collection
42 services;

43 (b) Protect the rights or property of the electric power supplier,
44 gas supplier, or public utility; and

45 (c) Protect consumers of these services and other electric power
46 suppliers, gas suppliers, or electric and gas public utilities from
47 fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful use of, or subscription to, these
48 services.

1 c. The board shall establish and maintain a database for the
2 purpose of recording customer complaints concerning electric and
3 gas public utilities, electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, private
4 aggregators, and energy agents.

5 d. The board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
6 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall establish,
7 or cause to be established, a multi-lingual electric and gas consumer
8 education program. The goal of the consumer education program
9 shall be to educate residential, small business, and special needs
10 consumers about the implications for consumers of the restructuring
11 of the electric power and gas industries. The consumer education
12 program shall include, but need not be limited to, the dissemination
13 of information to enable consumers to make informed choices
14 among available electricity and gas services and suppliers, and the
15 communication to consumers of the consumer protection provisions
16 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.).

17 The board shall ensure the neutrality of the content and message
18 of advertisements and materials.

19 The board shall promulgate standards for the recovery of
20 consumer education program costs from customers which include
21 reasonable measures and criteria to judge the success of the
22 program in enhancing customer understanding of retail choice.

23 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2003, c.24).

24 f. (1) In addition to the advertising standards adopted by the
25 board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of this section, the
26 board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
27 Department of Law and Public Safety, shall adopt, pursuant to the
28 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
29 seq.) interim advertising and marketing standards for electric power
30 suppliers, gas suppliers, brokers, energy agents, marketers, private
31 aggregators, sales representatives, and telemarketers applicable to
32 potential residential customers, within 270 days of the effective date
33 of P.L.2013, c.263, which standards shall include, but not be limited
34 to, prohibiting electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, brokers,
35 energy agents, marketers, private aggregators, sales representatives,
36 and telemarketers from: (a) making false or misleading advertising
37 claims to a potential residential customer; or (b) contacting a
38 potential residential customer by telephone for the purpose of
39 making an unsolicited advertisement if the electric power supplier,
40 gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer, private aggregator,
41 sales representative, or telemarketer does not have an existing
42 business relationship with the potential residential customer and the
43 residential customer's telephone number appears on the no
44 telemarketing call list established and maintained by the Division of
45 Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 of
46 P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call registry as
47 maintained by the Federal Trade Commission. The standards shall
48 be effective as regulations immediately upon filing with the Office

1 of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a period not to
2 exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or
3 readopted by the board in accordance with the provisions of the
4 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
5 seq.).

6 (2) In addition to any other penalties, fines, or remedies
7 authorized by law, an electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker,
8 energy agent, marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or
9 telemarketer that violates subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this
10 subsection and collects charges for electric generation service or
11 gas supply service supplied to a residential customer, who was
12 subjected to false or misleading advertising claims by the electric
13 power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer,
14 private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer in violation
15 of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be
16 liable to the residential customer in an amount equal to all charges
17 paid by the residential customer after such violation occurs in
18 accordance with any procedures as the board may prescribe,
19 whether the electric power supplier or gas supplier provided the
20 electric generation service or gas supply service to that customer, or
21 the electric generation service or gas supply service was provided to
22 the customer by a broker, energy agent, marketer, private
23 aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer who contacted the
24 customer on behalf of the electric power supplier or gas supplier.
25 An electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent,
26 marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer
27 that violates this subsection shall also be liable for a civil penalty
28 pursuant to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83). The board is
29 hereby authorized to revoke the license of any electric power
30 supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer, or private
31 aggregator that violates this subsection.
32 (cf: P.L.2015, c.164, s.1)

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34 2. Section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 37. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
37 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
38 contrary, the board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
39 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall initiate a
40 proceeding and shall adopt, after notice, provision of the
41 opportunity for comment, and public hearing, interim standards for
42 electric power suppliers or gas suppliers, within 90 days of
43 February 9, 1999, to prevent and establish penalties for
44 unauthorized changes of a consumer's electric power supplier or gas
45 supplier, a practice commonly known as "slamming." Such
46 standards shall be effective as regulations immediately upon filing
47 with the Office of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a
48 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,

1 adopted or readopted by the board in accordance with the provisions
2 of the "Administrative Procedure Act."

3 b. Standards for the prohibition of unauthorized changes in a
4 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier shall include:

5 (1) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
6 supplier or a gas public utility shall not cause an unauthorized
7 change in a customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, a
8 practice known as "slamming." A change in a customer's electric
9 power supplier or gas supplier shall be deemed to be unauthorized
10 unless the customer has done so affirmatively and voluntarily and
11 the electric power supplier or gas supplier has obtained the
12 customer's approval, which approval shall be evidenced by the
13 customer's written signature **】**; the customer's electronic signature;
14 an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the customer;
15 independent, third-party verification, in accordance with paragraph
16 (2) of this subsection, of a telephone call initiated by an electric
17 power supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public
18 utility; or such alternative forms of verification as the board, in
19 consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs, may permit **】**
20 prior to switching electric power suppliers or gas suppliers and for
21 contract renewal;

22 (2) **【**(a) A company performing independent, third-party
23 verification shall: (i) be independent from the entity that seeks to
24 provide the new service; (ii) not be directly or indirectly managed,
25 controlled, directed or owned, wholly or in part, by the entity that
26 seeks to provide the new service, or by any affiliate of that entity;
27 (iii) operate from facilities physically separate from those of the
28 entity that seeks to provide the new service; and (iv) not derive any
29 commission or compensation based upon the number of sales
30 confirmed;

31 (b) A company performing independent, third-party verification
32 shall obtain a customer's oral confirmation regarding the change and
33 shall record that confirmation by obtaining appropriate verification
34 data. The record shall be available to the customer upon request.
35 Information obtained from a customer through confirmation shall
36 not be used for marketing purposes; **】** (Deleted by amendment,
37 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

38 (3) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
39 supplier or a gas public utility shall not fail to cause a change in a
40 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, within a period
41 of time determined to be appropriate by the board, when a supplier
42 or utility is in receipt of a change order provided that such change
43 order has been received in a manner that complies with federal and
44 State rules and regulations, including as provided in this subsection;

45 (4) The acts of an agent of an electric power supplier, an electric
46 public utility, a gas supplier or a gas public utility shall be
47 considered the acts of the electric power supplier, electric public
48 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility.

1 c. A customer's new electric power supplier, electric public
2 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall notify the customer of
3 the change in the customer's electric or gas supplier within 30 days
4 in a manner to be determined by the board.

5 d. Bills to customers from an electric power supplier, electric
6 public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall contain the
7 name and telephone number of each supplier for whom billing is
8 provided, and any other information deemed applicable by the
9 board.

10 e. In addition to any other penalties, fines or remedies
11 authorized by law, any electric power supplier, electric public
12 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that violates this section
13 and collects charges for electric power supply or gas supply
14 services from a customer or through an entity providing customer
15 account services shall be liable to the electric power supplier,
16 electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility previously
17 selected by the customer in an amount equal to all charges paid by
18 the customer after such violation in accordance with such
19 procedures as the board may prescribe. Any electric power
20 supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that
21 violates this section shall also be liable for a civil penalty pursuant
22 to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83); and the board is hereby
23 authorized to revoke the license of any entity that violates this
24 section.

25 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.3)

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27 3. Section 41 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-90) is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 41. a. A private aggregator shall register with the board, which
30 shall include the filing of basic information pertaining to the
31 supplier, such as name, address, telephone number, and company
32 background and profile. A private aggregator shall provide annual
33 updates of this information to the board. The registration shall also
34 include evidence of financial integrity, as determined by the board,
35 and evidence that the private aggregator has knowledge of the
36 energy industry.

37 b. Any residential customer that elects to purchase electric
38 generation service or gas supply service, after the implementation
39 of gas unbundling pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
40 58), through a private aggregator must do so affirmatively and
41 voluntarily, **[either]** through a written signature **;** the customer's
42 electronic signature; an audio recording of a telephone call initiated
43 by the customer; independent, third-party verification, in
44 accordance with section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86), of a
45 telephone call initiated by a private aggregator; or such alternative
46 forms of verification as the board, in consultation with the Division
47 of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety,

1 may permit] prior to switching electric power suppliers or gas
2 suppliers and for contract renewal.

3 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.4)

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5 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 Current law allows an electric power supplier and gas supplier
11 (energy supplier) to receive a person's approval to provide electric
12 generation service or gas supply service if the energy supplier first
13 receives the person's approval through: 1) a written signature; 2)
14 electronic signature; 3) an audio recording of a telephone call
15 initiated by the person; 4) an independent, third-party verification
16 of a telephone call initiated by an energy supplier; or 5) any
17 alternative forms of verification as the Board of Public Utilities may
18 permit. This bill keeps the first method of approval and removes
19 the others, thereby requiring an energy supplier to receive a written
20 signature from a person prior to providing the person with electric
21 generation service or gas supply service and for the renewal of a
22 contract for those services.

ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 4569

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4569.

As amended and reported, this bill retains a written or electronic signature as a method of approval to provide electric generation service or gas supply service and removes the other methods of approval, thereby requiring an electric power supplier and gas supplier (energy supplier) to receive a written or electronic signature from a person prior to providing the person with electric generation service or gas supply service and for the renewal of a contract for those services. Current law allows an energy supplier to receive a person's approval to provide electric generation service or gas supply service if the energy supplier first receives the person's approval through: 1) a written signature; 2) electronic signature; 3) an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the person; 4) an independent, third-party verification of a telephone call initiated by an energy supplier; or 5) any alternative forms of verification as the Board of Public Utilities may permit.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to retain a customer's electronic signature as a method of energy supplier service approval and contract renewal thereof.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4569

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4569 (1R).

As amended and reported, this bill requires electric power suppliers and gas suppliers (energy suppliers) to provide, in addition to all other requirements under current law, the phone number and website for filing complaints with the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Customer Assistance (BPU), and an explanation of the practice known as “slamming,” which is the unauthorized change of a customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, with customer contract summaries. The bill also requires energy suppliers, electric power utilities, and gas utilities to provide, in addition to all other requirements under current law, the phone number and website for filing complaints with the BPU on customer bills.

The bill also requires the BPU to publish on its website, on a quarterly basis, a detailed report regarding customer complaints that does not include the names or other personal information of the customers who complained, but includes the names of the electric and gas public utilities, energy suppliers, private aggregators, and energy agents against which the complaints were filed.

The committee amended the bill to retain an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the person; an independent, third-party verification of a telephone call initiated by an energy supplier; or any alternative forms of verification as a method of approval to provide electric generation service or gas supply service. The amendments also require energy suppliers to provide the phone number and website for filing complaints with the BPU on customer contract summaries and customer bills. Additionally, the amendments require the BPU to quarterly publish information on its website regarding customer complaints. The amendments also change the bill's effective date from taking effect immediately to 30 days after enactment. Finally, the synopsis was amended to reflect the requirements concerning the publishing of certain information related to the filing of customer complaints.

As amended and reported, Assembly Bill No. 4569(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3535, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 3535

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 11, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Requires electric power suppliers and gas suppliers to receive written or electronic signature from person prior to switching provision of electric generation service or gas supply service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S3535 TURNER

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1 AN ACT concerning the provision of electric generation service and
2 gas supply service and amending P.L.1999, c.23.

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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. Section 36 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-85) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 36. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
10 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
11 contrary, the board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
12 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall initiate a
13 proceeding and shall adopt, after notice, provision of the
14 opportunity for comment, and public hearing, interim consumer
15 protection standards for electric power suppliers or gas suppliers,
16 within 90 days of February 9, 1999, including, but not limited to,
17 standards for collections, credit, contracts, and authorized changes
18 of an energy customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, for
19 the prohibition of discriminatory marketing, for advertising and for
20 disclosure. The standards shall be effective as regulations
21 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law and
22 shall be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may,
23 thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted by the board in
24 accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure
25 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

26 (1) (a) An electric power supplier or gas supplier shall not
27 provide electric generation service or gas supply service to a
28 customer in this State unless the electric power supplier or gas
29 supplier has provided the customer a one-page information sheet
30 summarizing the material terms and conditions of the contract as
31 determined by the board. Contract standards shall include, but not
32 be limited to, requirements that electric power supply contracts or
33 gas supply contracts conspicuously disclose the duration of the
34 contract; state the price per kilowatt hour or per therm or other
35 pricing determinant approved by the board; use a 12-point font;
36 provide a one-page information sheet in a 12-point font
37 summarizing the material terms and conditions of the contract in
38 English and Spanish, as determined by the board; and state, in a 12-
39 point, boldface font, whether the contract is for a fixed rate or a
40 variable rate, and provide a brief explanation of the difference
41 between a fixed rate and a variable rate that is easily understandable
42 by the general public, including an explanation on how weather
43 fluctuations may affect the price of variable rate contracts; have the
44 customer's written signature [or electronic signature; an audio
45 recording of a telephone call initiated by the customer; independent,

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.

1 third-party verification, in accordance with section 37 of
2 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86), of a telephone call initiated by an
3 electric power supplier, gas supplier, or private aggregator; or any
4 alternative forms of verification as the board, in consultation with
5 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and
6 Public Safety, may permit for] or electronic signature prior to
7 switching electric power suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract
8 renewal; and include termination procedures, notice of any fees, and
9 toll-free or local telephone numbers for the electric power supplier
10 or gas supplier and for the board. An electric power supplier or gas
11 supplier shall not provide the customer's telephone number,
12 electronic mail address, or postal address to other electric power
13 suppliers or gas suppliers if the customer's telephone number
14 appears on the no telemarketing call list established and maintained
15 by the Division of Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of
16 section 9 of P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call
17 registry as maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

18 (b) As used in this paragraph, "customer" means a residential
19 customer or a commercial electric customer with a cumulative peak
20 load of 50 kilowatts or less, or a commercial gas customer with a
21 cumulative peak load of 5,000 therms or less.

22 (2) Standards for the prohibition of discriminatory marketing
23 shall provide, at a minimum, that a decision made by an electric
24 power supplier or a gas supplier to accept or reject a customer shall
25 not be based on race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion,
26 source of income, receipt of public benefits, family status, sexual
27 preference, or geographic location. The board shall adopt reporting
28 requirements to monitor compliance with its standards.

29 (3) Advertising standards for electric power suppliers or gas
30 suppliers shall provide, at a minimum, that optional charges to the
31 customer will not be added to any advertised cost per kilowatt hour
32 or per therm, and that the only unit of measurement that may be
33 used in advertisements is cost per kilowatt hour or per therm, unless
34 otherwise approved by the board. If an electric power supplier or
35 gas supplier does not advertise using cost per kilowatt hour or per
36 therm, the electric power supplier or gas supplier shall provide, at
37 the customer's request, an estimate of the cost per kilowatt hour or
38 per therm. Any optional charges to the customer shall be identified
39 separately and denoted as optional.

40 (4) Credit standards shall include, at a minimum, that the credit
41 requirements used to make decisions must be the same for all
42 residential customers and that electric power suppliers, gas
43 suppliers, and private aggregators not impose unreasonable income
44 or credit requirements.

45 (5) Billing standards shall include, at a minimum, provisions
46 prohibiting electric public utilities, gas public utilities, electric
47 power suppliers, and gas suppliers from charging a fee to residential

1 customers for either the commencement or termination of electric
2 generation service or gas supply service.

3 b. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
4 an electric power supplier, a gas supplier, an electric public utility,
5 and a gas public utility shall not disclose, sell, or transfer individual
6 proprietary information, including, but not limited to, a customer's
7 name, address, telephone number, energy usage, and electric power
8 payment history, to a third party without the consent of the
9 customer.

10 (2) (a) An electric public utility or a gas public utility may
11 disclose and provide, in an electronic format, which may include a
12 CD rom, diskette, and other format as determined by the board,
13 without the consent of a residential customer, a residential
14 customer's name, rate class, and account number, to a government
15 aggregator that is a municipality or a county, or to an energy agent
16 acting as a consultant to a government aggregator that is a
17 municipality or a county, if the customer information is to be used
18 to establish a government energy aggregation program pursuant to
19 sections 42, 43, and 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92;
20 and C.48:3-94). The number of residential customers and their rate
21 class, and the load profile of non-residential customers who have
22 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy
23 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
24 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
25 to this paragraph prior to the request by the government aggregator
26 for bids pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 45 of
27 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), and the name, address, and account
28 number of a residential customer and the name, address, and
29 account number of non-residential customers who have
30 affirmatively chosen to be included in a government energy
31 aggregation program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of
32 section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94) may be disclosed pursuant
33 to this paragraph upon the awarding of a contract to a licensed
34 power supplier or licensed gas supplier pursuant to paragraph (2) of
35 subsection b. of section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94). Any
36 customer information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph shall not
37 be considered a government record for the purposes of, and shall be
38 exempt from the provisions of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.).

39 (b) An electric public utility or a gas public utility disclosing
40 customer information pursuant to this paragraph shall exercise
41 reasonable care in the preparation of this customer information, but
42 shall not be responsible for errors or omissions in the preparation or
43 the content of the customer information.

44 (c) Any person using any information disclosed pursuant to this
45 paragraph for any purpose other than to establish a government
46 energy aggregation program pursuant to sections 42, 43, and 45 of
47 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-91; C.48:3-92; and C.48:3-94) shall be

1 subject to the provisions of section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
2 83).

3 (d) The role of an electric public utility or a gas public utility in
4 a government energy aggregation program established pursuant to
5 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.) shall be limited to the provisions
6 of this paragraph.

7 (3) Whenever any individual proprietary information is
8 disclosed, sold, or transferred, pursuant to paragraph (1) or
9 paragraph (2) of this subsection, it shall be used only for the
10 provision of continued electric generation service, electric related
11 service, gas supply service, or gas related service to that customer.
12 In the case of a transfer or sale of a business, customer consent shall
13 not be required for the transfer of customer proprietary information
14 to the subsequent owner of the business for maintaining the
15 continuation of those services.

16 (4) Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
17 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
18 contrary, the board shall, within 90 days of the effective date of
19 P.L.2003, c.24 (C.48:3-93.1 et al.), review existing regulations
20 including, without limitation, Chapter 4 of Title 14 of the New
21 Jersey Administrative Code (Energy Competition **Standards**), to
22 determine their consistency with the provisions of section 36 of
23 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-85), section 43 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
24 92) and section 45 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), repeal or modify
25 any regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions thereof, and
26 shall adopt regulations and standards implementing the provisions
27 thereof permitting disclosure of customer information without the
28 consent of the customer including, without limitation, provisions for
29 the development of a board-approved agreement between the
30 disclosing party and the receiving party and the creation of a
31 mechanism for the recovery by the disclosing electric public utility
32 or gas public utility of its reasonable incremental costs of providing
33 the customer information if those costs are not covered in an
34 existing third party supplier agreement.

35 (5) An electric power supplier, a gas supplier, a gas public
36 utility, or an electric public utility may use individual proprietary
37 information that it has obtained by virtue of its provision of electric
38 generation service, electric related service, gas supply service, or
39 gas related service to:

40 (a) Initiate, render, bill, and collect for these services to the
41 extent otherwise authorized to provide billing and collection
42 services;

43 (b) Protect the rights or property of the electric power supplier,
44 gas supplier, or public utility; and

45 (c) Protect consumers of these services and other electric power
46 suppliers, gas suppliers, or electric and gas public utilities from
47 fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful use of, or subscription to, these
48 services.

1 c. The board shall establish and maintain a database for the
2 purpose of recording customer complaints concerning electric and
3 gas public utilities, electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, private
4 aggregators, and energy agents.

5 d. The board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
6 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall establish,
7 or cause to be established, a multi-lingual electric and gas consumer
8 education program. The goal of the consumer education program
9 shall be to educate residential, small business, and special needs
10 consumers about the implications for consumers of the restructuring
11 of the electric power and gas industries. The consumer education
12 program shall include, but need not be limited to, the dissemination
13 of information to enable consumers to make informed choices
14 among available electricity and gas services and suppliers, and the
15 communication to consumers of the consumer protection provisions
16 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.).

17 The board shall ensure the neutrality of the content and message
18 of advertisements and materials.

19 The board shall promulgate standards for the recovery of
20 consumer education program costs from customers which include
21 reasonable measures and criteria to judge the success of the
22 program in enhancing customer understanding of retail choice.

23 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2003, c.24).

24 f. (1) In addition to the advertising standards adopted by the
25 board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of this section, the
26 board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
27 Department of Law and Public Safety, shall adopt, pursuant to the
28 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
29 seq.) interim advertising and marketing standards for electric power
30 suppliers, gas suppliers, brokers, energy agents, marketers, private
31 aggregators, sales representatives, and telemarketers applicable to
32 potential residential customers, within 270 days of the effective date
33 of P.L.2013, c.263, which standards shall include, but not be limited
34 to, prohibiting electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, brokers,
35 energy agents, marketers, private aggregators, sales representatives,
36 and telemarketers from: (a) making false or misleading advertising
37 claims to a potential residential customer; or (b) contacting a
38 potential residential customer by telephone for the purpose of
39 making an unsolicited advertisement if the electric power supplier,
40 gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer, private aggregator,
41 sales representative, or telemarketer does not have an existing
42 business relationship with the potential residential customer and the
43 residential customer's telephone number appears on the no
44 telemarketing call list established and maintained by the Division of
45 Consumer Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 of
46 P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-127), or the national do-not-call registry as
47 maintained by the Federal Trade Commission. The standards shall
48 be effective as regulations immediately upon filing with the Office

1 of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a period not to
2 exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or
3 readopted by the board in accordance with the provisions of the
4 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
5 seq.).

6 (2) In addition to any other penalties, fines, or remedies
7 authorized by law, an electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker,
8 energy agent, marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or
9 telemarketer that violates subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this
10 subsection and collects charges for electric generation service or
11 gas supply service supplied to a residential customer, who was
12 subjected to false or misleading advertising claims by the electric
13 power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer,
14 private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer in violation
15 of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be
16 liable to the residential customer in an amount equal to all charges
17 paid by the residential customer after such violation occurs in
18 accordance with any procedures as the board may prescribe,
19 whether the electric power supplier or gas supplier provided the
20 electric generation service or gas supply service to that customer, or
21 the electric generation service or gas supply service was provided to
22 the customer by a broker, energy agent, marketer, private
23 aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer who contacted the
24 customer on behalf of the electric power supplier or gas supplier.
25 An electric power supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent,
26 marketer, private aggregator, sales representative, or telemarketer
27 that violates this subsection shall also be liable for a civil penalty
28 pursuant to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83). The board is
29 hereby authorized to revoke the license of any electric power
30 supplier, gas supplier, broker, energy agent, marketer, or private
31 aggregator that violates this subsection.

32 (cf: P.L.2015, c.164, s.1)

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34 2. Section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-86) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 37. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Administrative
37 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
38 contrary, the board, in consultation with the Division of Consumer
39 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall initiate a
40 proceeding and shall adopt, after notice, provision of the
41 opportunity for comment, and public hearing, interim standards for
42 electric power suppliers or gas suppliers, within 90 days of
43 February 9, 1999, to prevent and establish penalties for
44 unauthorized changes of a consumer's electric power supplier or gas
45 supplier, a practice commonly known as "slamming." Such
46 standards shall be effective as regulations immediately upon filing
47 with the Office of Administrative Law and shall be effective for a
48 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,

1 adopted or readopted by the board in accordance with the provisions
2 of the "Administrative Procedure Act."

3 b. Standards for the prohibition of unauthorized changes in a
4 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier shall include:

5 (1) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
6 supplier or a gas public utility shall not cause an unauthorized
7 change in a customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, a
8 practice known as "slamming." A change in a customer's electric
9 power supplier or gas supplier shall be deemed to be unauthorized
10 unless the customer has done so affirmatively and voluntarily and
11 the electric power supplier or gas supplier has obtained the
12 customer's approval, which approval shall be evidenced by the
13 customer's written signature **】**; the customer's electronic signature;
14 an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the customer;
15 independent, third-party verification, in accordance with paragraph
16 (2) of this subsection, of a telephone call initiated by an electric
17 power supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public
18 utility; or such alternative forms of verification as the board, in
19 consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs, may permit **】** or
20 electronic signature prior to switching electric power suppliers or
21 gas suppliers and for contract renewal;

22 (2) **【**(a) A company performing independent, third-party
23 verification shall: (i) be independent from the entity that seeks to
24 provide the new service; (ii) not be directly or indirectly managed,
25 controlled, directed or owned, wholly or in part, by the entity that
26 seeks to provide the new service, or by any affiliate of that entity;
27 (iii) operate from facilities physically separate from those of the
28 entity that seeks to provide the new service; and (iv) not derive any
29 commission or compensation based upon the number of sales
30 confirmed;

31 (b) A company performing independent, third-party verification
32 shall obtain a customer's oral confirmation regarding the change and
33 shall record that confirmation by obtaining appropriate verification
34 data. The record shall be available to the customer upon request.
35 Information obtained from a customer through confirmation shall
36 not be used for marketing purposes; **】** (Deleted by amendment,
37 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

38 (3) An electric power supplier, an electric public utility, a gas
39 supplier or a gas public utility shall not fail to cause a change in a
40 customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, within a period
41 of time determined to be appropriate by the board, when a supplier
42 or utility is in receipt of a change order provided that such change
43 order has been received in a manner that complies with federal and
44 State rules and regulations, including as provided in this subsection;

45 (4) The acts of an agent of an electric power supplier, an electric
46 public utility, a gas supplier or a gas public utility shall be
47 considered the acts of the electric power supplier, electric public
48 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility.

1 c. A customer's new electric power supplier, electric public
2 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall notify the customer of
3 the change in the customer's electric or gas supplier within 30 days
4 in a manner to be determined by the board.

5 d. Bills to customers from an electric power supplier, electric
6 public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility shall contain the
7 name and telephone number of each supplier for whom billing is
8 provided, and any other information deemed applicable by the
9 board.

10 e. In addition to any other penalties, fines or remedies
11 authorized by law, any electric power supplier, electric public
12 utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that violates this section
13 and collects charges for electric power supply or gas supply
14 services from a customer or through an entity providing customer
15 account services shall be liable to the electric power supplier,
16 electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility previously
17 selected by the customer in an amount equal to all charges paid by
18 the customer after such violation in accordance with such
19 procedures as the board may prescribe. Any electric power
20 supplier, electric public utility, gas supplier or gas public utility that
21 violates this section shall also be liable for a civil penalty pursuant
22 to section 34 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-83); and the board is hereby
23 authorized to revoke the license of any entity that violates this
24 section.

25 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.3)

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27 3. Section 41 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-90) is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 41. a. A private aggregator shall register with the board, which
30 shall include the filing of basic information pertaining to the
31 supplier, such as name, address, telephone number, and company
32 background and profile. A private aggregator shall provide annual
33 updates of this information to the board. The registration shall also
34 include evidence of financial integrity, as determined by the board,
35 and evidence that the private aggregator has knowledge of the
36 energy industry.

37 b. Any residential customer that elects to purchase electric
38 generation service or gas supply service, after the implementation
39 of gas unbundling pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-
40 58), through a private aggregator must do so affirmatively and
41 voluntarily, **[either]** through **[a]** the customer's written signature
42 **;** the customer's electronic signature; an audio recording of a
43 telephone call initiated by the customer; independent, third-party
44 verification, in accordance with section 37 of P.L.1999, c.23
45 (C.48:3-86), of a telephone call initiated by a private aggregator; or
46 such alternative forms of verification as the board, in consultation
47 with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law
48 and Public Safety, may permit **]** or electronic signature prior to

1 switching electric power suppliers or gas suppliers and for contract
2 renewal.

3 (cf: P.L.2001, c.242, s.4)

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5 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill retains a written or electronic signature as a method of
11 approval to provide electric generation service or gas supply service
12 and removes the other methods of approval, thereby requiring an
13 electric power supplier and gas supplier (energy supplier) to receive
14 a written or electronic signature from a person prior to providing
15 the person with electric generation service or gas supply service and
16 for the renewal of a contract for those services. Current law allows
17 an energy supplier to receive a person's approval to provide electric
18 generation service or gas supply service if the energy supplier first
19 receives the person's approval through: 1) a written signature; 2)
20 electronic signature; 3) an audio recording of a telephone call
21 initiated by the person; 4) an independent, third-party verification
22 of a telephone call initiated by an energy supplier; or 5) any
23 alternative forms of verification as the Board of Public Utilities may
24 permit.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3535

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3535.

As amended and reported, this bill requires electric power suppliers and gas suppliers (energy suppliers) to provide, in addition to all other requirements under current law, the phone number and website for filing complaints with the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Customer Assistance (BPU), and an explanation of the practice known as “slamming,” which is the unauthorized change of a customer's electric power supplier or gas supplier, with customer contract summaries. The bill also requires energy suppliers, electric power utilities, and gas utilities to provide, in addition to all other requirements under current law, the phone number and website for filing complaints with the BPU on customer bills.

The bill also requires the BPU to publish on its website, on a quarterly basis, a detailed report regarding customer complaints that does not include the names or other personal information of the customers who complained, but includes the names of the electric and gas public utilities, energy suppliers, private aggregators, and energy agents against which the complaints were filed.

The committee amended the bill to retain an audio recording of a telephone call initiated by the person; an independent, third-party verification of a telephone call initiated by an energy supplier; or any alternative forms of verification as a method of approval to provide electric generation service or gas supply service. The amendments also require energy suppliers to provide the phone number and website for filing complaints with the BPU on customer contract summaries and customer bills. Additionally, the amendments require the BPU to quarterly publish information on its website regarding customer complaints. The amendments also change the bill's effective date from taking effect immediately to 30 days after enactment. Finally, the synopsis was amended to reflect the requirements concerning the publishing of certain information related to the filing of customer complaints.

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 3535 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4569(1R), which was also amend and reported by the committee on this date.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed the following bills:

S-384/A-1964 (Weinberg, Singleton/Stanley, Munoz, McKeon, Sumter, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly, Mosquera, Downey, Chiaravalloti) – Expands training for judges, law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases

S-386/A-1763 (Weinberg, Singleton/Munoz, Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Mosquera, Lampitt, Benson) - Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors

S-396/A-4903 (Weinberg, Addiego/Johnson, Mukherji) – Adjusts statute of limitations on damage claim for construction defect in common interest communities

S-705/A-1077 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening

SCS for S-844 and 2533/ACS for A-4635 (Pou, Greenstein/Zwicker, Lopez) – Revises reporting requirements for charitable organizations and non-profit corporations

S-867/A-2316 (Pou/Jimenez, Giblin, Johnson) – Permits physical therapists to perform dry needling under certain circumstances

S-896/A-2396 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Timberlake, Murphy) – Expands Office of Public Defender representation of juveniles; repeals section 4 of P.L.1968, c.371

S-969WGR/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – Establishes loan redemption program for certain teachers to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain schools; makes annual appropriation of \$1 million

S-994/A-6248 (Sweeney, Singleton/Lopez) – Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency

SCS for S-1016/ACS for A-2070 (Smith, Bateman/Calabrese, Mukherji, Benson) – Restricts use of neonicotinoid pesticides

S-1020/AS for ACS for A-1184 and 4414 (Ruiz, Gopal/Zwicker, Conaway, Verrelli, Caputo) – Requires School Report Card to include demographic breakdown of students who receive disciplinary actions; requires Commissioner of Education to establish Statewide database concerning certain disciplinary actions

S-1559/A-1659 (Scutari, Diegnan/Quijano, Bramnick, Mukherji, Sumter, Downey, Dancer) – “New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act”

S-1771/A-1489 (Madden, Turner/Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle) – Expressly prohibits invasive examination of unconscious patient by health care practitioner without patient’s prior informed written consent

S-2160wGR/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey) – Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

SCS for S-2515/ACS for A-4676 (Smith, Greenstein/Quijano, Jasey, McKeon) – Establishes postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags; prohibits sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging

S-2723/A-2614 (Sweeney, Turner/Murphy, Benson, Timberlake) – “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act”

S-2830/A-5291 (Ruiz, Singleton/Quijano) – Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs

S-2835/A-5292 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) – Requires compilation of data and issuance of annual reports on New Jersey teacher workforce

S-2921/A-5554 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji) – Allows municipalities to designate outdoor areas upon which people may consume alcoholic beverages

S-3009/A-4847 (Vitale, Gopal, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Verrelli) – Authorizes expanded provision of harm reduction services to distribute sterile syringes and provide certain support services to persons who use drugs intravenously

S-3081/A-5219 (Singleton/McKeon, Dunn) – Repeals law concerning excess rates and charges for title insurance; makes agreement to use services of title or settlement service company subject to attorney review

S-3164/A-4987 (Gopal, Singleton/Houghtaling, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin) – Creates NJ Legislative Youth Council

S-3265/A-5074 (Diegnan, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Dancer, Mukherji) – Permits members of SPRS to purchase service credit for prior public employment with federal government or another state

S-3342/A-5463 (Codey, Singleton/Jasey, Giblin, Timberlake) – Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph; appropriates \$90,000

S-3465/A-4336 (Oroho, Sweeney/Houghtaling, Space) – Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000

S-3488wGR/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

S-3493/A-5458 (Vitale, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, McKnight) – Permits expungement of possession or distribution of hypodermic syringe or needle offense in cases of previous expungement; repeals criminal offense of possession of syringe

S-3539/A5409 (T. Kean, Gopal/Houghtaling) – Directs DEP to establish grant program for local governments to support development of community gardens

S-3594/A-5509 (Singleton, Scutari/Zwicker, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli) – Provides that in personal

injury or wrongful death lawsuits, calculations of lost or impaired earnings capacity not be reduced because of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation

S-3672/A-6009 (Singleton, Turner, Moen, Johnson, McKnight) – Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers, sheriff's officers, and State and county correctional police officers; permits hiring or appointment of such officers under certain conditions, and makes appropriation

S-3673/A-6219 (Gopal, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Authorizes limited breweries and craft distilleries to sell at retail and offer for sampling purposes product bottled and stored off-site under certain circumstances

S-3685/A-5576 (Ruiz, Codey/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji) – Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years

S-3707/A-5673 (Vitale, Ruiz/Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Zwicker) – Repeals statute criminalizing sexual penetration while infected with venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances; requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, name of defendant and other person be kept confidential

S-3764/A-3369 (Gopal, Weinberg/Johnson, Stanley, Karabinchak) – Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE

S-3810/ACS for A-5862 (Sweeney, Addiego, Greenstein/Benson, Quijano) – "Responsible Collective Negotiations Act"

S-3968/A-5930 (Singleton, Beach/Sumter, Karabinchak) – Increases purchasing threshold permitting Director of Division of Purchase and Property to delegate authority to agencies; increases bid advertising threshold on certain contracts by same scale

S-3975/A-5963 (Greenstein, Oroho/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo) – Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign

S-4004wGR/A-5950 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Sumter, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices

S-4020/A-5867 (Gopal, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Jasey, Carter) – Expands bonding authority of New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to permit financing for general funding needs at New Jersey's institutions of higher education

S-4021/A-6100 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Jasey, Timberlake, Stanley) – Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies

S-4043/A-6005 (Cunningham/Jasey, Greenwald) – Raises statutory threshold for certain public bidding, permits bidder disqualification due to prior negative experience, adds exemptions to public bidding requirement under "State College Contracts Law," and establishes process for cooperative pricing system

S-4063/A-6220 (Sweeney/Giblin, Egan) – Removes New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission from appropriations act provision that limits compensation and health benefits; clarifies PERS and SHBP eligibility for members of commission

S-4068/ACS for A-6110 and 6185 (Sarlo, Oroho/Benson, Mukherji, Bramnick) – Revises elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax

S-4074wGR/A-6000 (Ruiz, Beach/Verrelli, Lampitt, Carter) – Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification

SCS for S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4128/A-6231 (Sweeney, Pou/Houghtaling, Conaway, Dancer) – Requires that only fruits and vegetables grown and packaged in NJ may be labeled by food retailers as local to State

S-4207/A-6119 (Sweeney, Beach/Mukherji, Egan, Pintor Marin) – Concerns apprenticeship programs of public works contractors

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million

S-4218/A-6256 (Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mukherji) – Appropriates \$2 million to CRDA to support costs associated with hosting NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City

S-4233/A-6229 (Scutari, Gopal/Mukherji, Jimenez) – Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records

S-4252/A-6182 (Madden/Murphy, Chaparro) – Limits extension of mandatory retirement to 90 days from State Police Retirement System during emergencies

A-259/S-2224 (DeAngelo, Mukherji, Benson/Gopal, Pennacchio) – Provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or expedition medal

A-798/S-52 (Verrelli, Vainieri Huttel, Armato/Singer, Greenstein) – Establishes local drug overdose fatality review teams

A-802/S-1352 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy/Turner, Pou) – Requires certain retailers to train employees on gift card fraud

A-862wGR/S-962 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak/Pennacchio, Pou) – Permits municipalities to refund excess property taxes paid by a taxpayer who wins an assessment appeal as a property tax credit

A-953/S-4031 (Karabinchak, Houghtaling/Pou) – Requires architects disclose insurance coverage

ACS for A-998 and 2349/S-4312 (Moen, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Vainieri Huttel/Ruiz, Beach, Singleton) – The “New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

A-1121/S-1871 (Murphy, Dancer, Stanley/Lagana, Pennacchio) – Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia

A-1219wGR/S-1054 (Chaparro, McKnight/Stack) – Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol prior to testing of owner’s animal for rabies

A-1229wGR/S-2161 (Schaer, Mosquera, Tucker, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Wimberly, Pintor Marin, Jasey/Turner, Singleton) – Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention programs and services available on its Internet website

A-1293/S-3977 (Greenwald, Burzichelli, Mukherji/Greenstein, Gopal) – Establishes advisory council for the brewery, cidery, meadery, and distillery industries in NJ and provides for funding through certain alcoholic beverage tax receipts

A-1663/S-1842 (Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Karabinchak/Cryan, Scutari) – Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program”

A-2186/S-1599 (Mukherji, Chaparro, McKnight/Codey, Pou) – Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the homeless

A-2360/S-3285 (Chaparro, Karabinchak, Johnson/Greenstein, Stack) – Requires electric public utility to charge residential rate for service used by residential customer for electric vehicle charging at charging stations within certain designated parking spaces

A-2685wGR/S-4209 (Armato, Mazzeo, Mukherji/Stack) – Concerns information on property condition disclosure statement

A-2772/S-1040 (Downey, Houghtaling, Benson/Gopal) – Authorizes certain Medicaid recipients residing on post-secondary school campus to participate remotely in meetings of non-medical nature regarding Medicaid benefits

A-2877/S-1149 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson/Ruiz) – Requires registration of certain vacant and abandoned properties with municipalities and provides enforcement tools related to maintenance of these properties

A-3007/S-3127 (Lampitt, Dunn, Benson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services

A-3392/S-1219 (Reynolds-Jackson, Timberlake, Jasey/Turner, Beach) – Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12

A-3804/S-1590 (Armato, Murphy, S. Kean/Beach, A.M. Bucco) – Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers

A-3870/S-2807 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Pou) – “Defense Against Porch Pirates Act”; amends theft statute

A-3950wGR/S-3180 (Verrelli, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Turner) – Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances

A-4002wGR/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo) – Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

A-4232/S-4231 (Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Smith) – Creates program in Department of Agriculture for deer fencing on certain farmland

A-4238/S-2561 (Chiaravalloti, Schaer, Benson/Gopal, Singer) – Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for adult medical day care services

A-4241/S-2894 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Murphy/Pou) – Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience

ACS for A-4253/S-3233 (Conaway, Pinkin, Jimenez/Cryan) – Requires certain electronic medical programs to include demographic data entry feature; requires laboratories to record certain patients' demographic information; requires certain hospitals and laboratories to implement cultural competency training program

A-4366/S-2801 (Taliaferro, Sumter, Mukherji/Pou, Greenstein) – Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder

A-4434wGR/S-2716 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Mukherji/Beach, Ruiz) – Establishes Student Wellness Grant Program in DOE

A-4478/S2759 (Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Schepisi, DeCroce/Vitale, Madden) – Establishes additional requirements for DOH to assess sanctions and impose penalties on nursing homes; revises reporting requirements for nursing homes

A-4569/S-3535 (Reynolds-Jackson, Benson, Karabinchak/Turner) – Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints

ACS for A-4655/S-3595 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Carter/Turner) – Limits police presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box

A-4771/S-2951 (Downey, Armato, Mukherji/Gopal, Singleton) – Expands offenses eligible for expungement upon successful discharge from drug court

A-4856/S-3094 (Lampitt, Benson, Caputo/Ruiz, Beach) – Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, renaissance schools, and the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf to be accessible to persons with disabilities

A-5033wGR/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

ACS for A-5075wGR/S-4001 (Burzichelli, Dancer, Johnson/Sweeney, A.M. Bucco) – Removes Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial from auspices of DEP and establishes museum as independent organization; makes \$200,000 supplemental appropriation

A-5160/S-3324 (DeAngelo, Conaway, Zwicker/Smith, Bateman) – Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, offered for sale, or leased in the State

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities

A-5322/S-3433 (Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, T. Kean) – Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA

records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttie/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers

A-5439/S-3760 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Beach) – Changes deadline for New Jersey Racing Commission's annual report from end of calendar year to end of State fiscal year

A-5694/S-3783 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Madden) – Permits dependents of military member to enroll in school district in advance of military member's relocation to district

A-5814/S-3851 (Swain, Tully, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Creates Office of School Bus Safety in Department of Education; appropriates \$200,000

A-5864wGR/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

A-5997/S-4084 (Coughlin, Lopez/Sweeney, O'Scanlon) – Removes requirement for Legislature, DOE, free public libraries, and historical societies to purchase "Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey"

A-6012/S-4076 (Moen, Murphy, Freiman/Sarlo, Gopal) – Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel

A-6020/S-4114 (Conaway, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie/Codey) – Establishes requirements for certain tobacco product retailers to stock and sell nicotine replacement therapy products

A-6060/S-4272 (Tucker, Caputo, Mukherji/Cunningham) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$8 million to DHS to increase reimbursement for funeral, burial, and crematory services provided to certain beneficiaries of Work First New Jersey and Supplemental Security Income programs

A-6073/S-4140 (Verrelli/Vitale) – Temporarily waives certain basic life support services crewmember requirements

A-6093/S-4201 (Stanley, Benson, Timberlake/Greenstein, Gopal) – Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP

A-6108wGR/S-4247 (DeAngelo, Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Updates licenses offered by and certain licensure requirements from Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

A-6132/S-4235 (Schaer, Greenwald, Conaway/Singer, Gopal) – Permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units

A-6133/S-4251 (Bramnick, Mukherji, Downey/Scutari) – Allows certain persons not yet appointed as administrator of estate to pursue lawsuit for damages for wrongful death on behalf of deceased's survivors

A-6150/S-4119 (DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Wirths/Oroho, Pou) – Revises penalties for transfer of certain professional and occupational licenses

A-6159/S-4236 (Coughlin, McKnight/Vitale, Ruiz) – Revises and renames Office of Food Insecurity Advocate

A-6162/S-4246 (Benson, Stanley/Gopal) – Requires certain motor vehicle dealers to maintain certain

requirements for business premises

A-6205/S-4270 (Coughlin, McKeon/Pou) – Amends certain requirements concerning insurance holding companies

A-6206wGR/S-4260 (Wimberly/Diegnan, Oroho) – Codifies right of real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons to define relationship with broker as one between broker and independent contractor or employee and enforces current and previous written agreements addressing relationship

A-6207/S-4222 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson/Sweeney) – Eliminates requirement for DOE to set certain tuition rates for approved private schools for students with disabilities in certain cases

A-6208/S-4151 (Mosquera, DeAngelo, Armato/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez) – Appropriates \$60,940,361 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-6209/S-4154 (Freiman, Spearman, Egan/Turner, Oroho) – Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6210/S-4150 (Taliaferro, Moriarty, Burzichelli/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6211/S-4149 (Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$440,240 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-6212/S-4148 (Jimenez, Swain, Timberlake/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-6213/S-4155 (Kennedy, Carter, Tully/Bateman, Smith) – Appropriates \$49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-6214/S-4153 (Danielsen, Zwicker, Conaway/Greenstein, Smith) – Appropriates \$80,539,578 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

A-6215/S-4152 (Stanley, Murphy, Jasey/Smith, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$14,687,510 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

A-6246/S-4295 (Karabinchak/Sweeney) – Concerns changes in control of hotels and disruptions of hotel services

A-6257/S-4311 (McKnight/Sweeney, Singleton) – Imposes surcharge on casino hotel occupancies to fund public safety services

A-6262/S-4314 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Permits PERS retiree to return to employment in NJ Legislature after retirement under certain circumstances

A-6263/S-4315 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Appropriates \$2 million to Legislative Services Commission

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-73/A-4580 (Bateman, Sarlo/Zwicker, Thomson, McKnight) – Establishes requirements for sale of cottage food products

S-995/A-6172 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Downey, McKnight) – Requires DOLWD and DHS to conduct assessment of community rehabilitation programs and community businesses

S-1934/A-1158 (Sweeney, Pou, Cryan/Freiman, Lopez, Murphy) – Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies

S-2679/A-1979 (Beach, Smith/Stanley, Lopez, Kennedy) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

S-2768/A-4664 (Singleton, Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Sumter) – Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process

S-3458/A-6245 (Lagana, Gopal/Coughlin, Jimenez, Mukherji) – Revises out-of-network arbitration process

S-3529/A-5442 (Addiego, Diegnan/DeAngelo, Dancer, Dunn) – Clarifies that member of SPRS may receive accidental disability benefit under certain circumstances

S-3715/A-5804 (Cryan/Quijano, Mukherji) – Modifies certain definitions related to transient accommodation taxes and fees

S-4189/A-6112 (Vitale, Cruz-Perez/Lopez) – Permits PERS retiree to return to elective public office after retirement under certain circumstances

A-1073/S-3432 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) – Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia

A-1269/S-3490 (Greenwald, Giblin, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Beach) – Eliminates one percent tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of \$1 million

A-4958/S-3740 (Tully, Armato, Zwicker/Lagana, Oroho) – Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations

A-5334/S-3442 (Lopez, Mazzeo, Stanley/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities

A-5484/S-3817 (Dancer, Caputo, Houghtaling/Lagana) – Requires New Jersey Racing Commission to adopt procedures to enforce internal controls; requires annual audit

A-6033/S-4194 (Bramnick/Sweeney, T. Kean) – Classifies golf caddies as independent contractors for purposes of State employment laws

A-6157/S-4202 (Speight, Moen/Ruiz, Beach) – Prohibits circumventing intergovernmental transfer process for law enforcement officers in certain circumstances

