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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 156, *approved September 12, 2023*  
Senate, No. 3092 (*Third Reprint*)

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2 electric meters and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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11 the meter collar adapter meets the following criteria:

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14 provisions of the National Electric Code;

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16 recognized testing laboratory and is suitable, according to the  
17 device's approval or listing documentation, for use in meter sockets  
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30 electrician or electrical contractor <sup>3</sup>; and

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30 **date of enactment, except that the Board of Public Utilities may take**  
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32 **necessary for the implementation of this act]** immediately<sup>1</sup> .

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**SENATE, No. 3092**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator BOB SMITH**

**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Senator RICHARD J. CODEY**

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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3092**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3092 (2R).

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

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

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4793 as amended and also reported by the committee.

# SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 3092

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 6, 2022

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

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STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 3092**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator SMITH)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

These floor amendments would:

(1) clarify that electric public utilities would be required to authorize the installation of meter collar adapters owned by the utility, in addition to those owned by the residential customer or a third-party;

(2) provide that either a manufacturer of a meter collar adapter or an electric public utility may install, maintain, or service a meter collar adapter or associated equipment;

(3) allow utilities to recover the cost of service work on any customer-owned meter collar adapter by charging the customer directly; and

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STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3092**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator SMITH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 19, 2022

This floor amendment would clarify that third-parties and residential customers, in addition to meter collar adapter manufacturers and electric public utilities, would be authorized to install, maintain, or service a meter collar adapter or associated equipment, provided that the work is performed by a duly qualified and licensed electrician or electrical contractor.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4793

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 17, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN**

**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes installation and operation of meter collar adapters on residential electric meters, under certain conditions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/14/2022)

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24 of the electric meter or switchboard, as applicable.

25 b. An electric public utility shall modify its electric service  
26 requirements as necessary to implement the provisions of this  
27 section no later than six months after the effective date of this  
28 section.

29 c. An electric public utility shall approve or disapprove a meter  
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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4793**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4793.

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

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As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3092 (2R) as also reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

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STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4793**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman BENSON)

ADOPTED: MAY 25, 2023

These floor amendments would:

1) require the model of meter collar adapter being installed to have been approved by the electric public utility for installation in its service territory;

2) increase from 60 days to 90 days the amount of time for an electric public utility to approve or disapprove a meter collar adapter for installation in its service area and requires a manufacturer to submit the specific model of meter collar adapter with its request for approval;

3) allow utilities to recover the cost of service work on any customer-owned meter collar adapter, or maintenance or repair work on any electric public utility-owned equipment necessary due to the installation of any customer-owned meter collar adapter, by charging the customer directly; and

4) specify that an electric public utility may not be held liable for damage to any person or property, attributable to a meter collar adapter.

# Acting Governor Way Takes Action on Legislation

09/12/2023

**TRENTON** – Today, Acting Governor Way signed the following bills into law:

**S-3092/A-4793 (Smith, Codey/Benson, Danielsens)** - Authorizes installation and operation of meter collar adapters on residential electric meters, under certain conditions

**S-3772/A-5671 (Pou/Atkins, Mukherji, Wimberly)** - Directs Office of the Public Defender to provide representation at parole revocation proceedings

**A-4089/S-2732 (DeAngelo, Benson, Karabinchak/Scutari, Smith)** - Extends deadlines, under certain circumstances, for completion and commercial operation of certain solar electric power generation facilities

**A-4090/S-1884 (Freiman, Pintor Marin, Karabinchak/Sarlo, Oroho)** - Requires State Auditor to annually publish user-friendly report summarizing and analyzing contents of State's Annual Financial Report

**A-4797/S-3255 (Karabinchak, Benson, Verrelli/Diegnan, Oroho)** - Concerns percentage of reclaimed asphalt pavement and recycled materials that can be used for certain road projects

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with Senate Floor Amendments  
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ADOPTED: DECEMBER 19, 2022

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ADOPTED: MAY 25, 2023

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 4793

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 17, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN**

**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes installation and operation of meter collar adapters on residential electric meters, under certain conditions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/14/2022)

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2 electric meters and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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6 of New Jersey:

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13 supply side of the service disconnect pursuant to the applicable  
14 provisions of the National Electric Code;

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16 recognized testing laboratory and is suitable, according to the  
17 device's approval or listing documentation, for use in meter sockets  
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with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator SMITH)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

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# Acting Governor Way Takes Action on Legislation

09/12/2023

**TRENTON** – Today, Acting Governor Way signed the following bills into law:

**S-3092/A-4793 (Smith, Codey/Benson, Daniels)** - Authorizes installation and operation of meter collar adapters on residential electric meters, under certain conditions

**S-3772/A-5671 (Pou/Atkins, Mukherji, Wimberly)** - Directs Office of the Public Defender to provide representation at parole revocation proceedings

**A-4089/S-2732 (DeAngelo, Benson, Karabinchak/Scutari, Smith)** - Extends deadlines, under certain circumstances, for completion and commercial operation of certain solar electric power generation facilities

**A-4090/S-1884 (Freiman, Pintor Marin, Karabinchak/Sarlo, Oroho)** - Requires State Auditor to annually publish user-friendly report summarizing and analyzing contents of State's Annual Financial Report

**A-4797/S-3255 (Karabinchak, Benson, Verrelli/Diegnan, Oroho)** - Concerns percentage of reclaimed asphalt pavement and recycled materials that can be used for certain road projects