

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Burglar and fire alarm installation--define--inspection under Uniform Construction Code)

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This bill provides a statutory definition of the business of installing, servicing and maintaining burglar and fire alarm systems, in order to differentiate alarm businesses from businesses performing electrical work requiring a business permit.

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SENATE, No. 2870

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 2, 1985

By Senators FELDMAN and CAUFIELD

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning burglar and fire alarm systems and amending
and supplementing P. L. 1962, c. 162.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of*
2 *New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 18 of P. L. 1962, c. 162 (C. 45:5A-18) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the
4 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies
5 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting
6 so as to require the securing of a business permit under this act:

7 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and
8 fuses.

9 (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable
10 permanently installed receptacles.

11 (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment
12 or apparatus.

13 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railways cars, elevators,
14 escalators or automotive equipment.

15 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in section
16 48:2-13 of the Revised Statutes organized for the purpose of
17 constructing, maintaining and operating works for the generation,
18 supplying, transmission and distribution of electricity for electric
19 light, heat, or power.

20 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control
21 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under
22 the authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged

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23 in the furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to
 24 a public utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a commu-
 25 nication or signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated
 26 with any public utility and engaged in research and development
 27 in the communications field.

28 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility
 29 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such
 30 an agency.

31 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment.

32 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government.

33 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts.

34 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises
 35 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on pre-
 36 mises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a regular
 37 employee who is a qualified journeyman electrician.

38 (l) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular
 39 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school
 40 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the
 41 State, a municipality, county, or school district.

42 (m) The maintaining, installing or connecting of automatic oil,
 43 gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing
 44 equipment and the lighting in connection therewith to a supply of
 45 adequate size at the load side of the distribution board.

46 (n) Work performed by a person on a dwelling that is occupied
 47 solely as a residence for himself or for a member or members of
 48 his immediate family.

49 (o) *Any work performed by an alarm business with a potential*
 50 *of more than 10 volts and not more than 30 volts involving the*
 51 *installation, servicing, or maintenance of a burglar alarm or a fire*
 52 *alarm, as those terms are defined by section 2 of this amendatory*
 53 *and supplementary act. Nothing herein shall be deemed to exempt*
 54 *work covered by this subsection from inspection required by the*
 55 *"State Uniform Construction Code Act," P. L. 1975, c. 217 (C.*
 56 *52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.*

57 The board may also exempt from the business permit provisions
 58 of this act such other electrical activities of like character which
 59 in the board's opinion warrant exclusion from the provisions of
 60 this act.

1 2. (New section) As used in this amendatory and supplementary
 2 act:

3 a. "Alarm business" means a partnership, corporation or other
 4 business entity engaged in the installation, servicing or maintenance
 5 of burglar or fire alarm systems, or the monitoring or responding

6 to alarm signals when provided in conjunction therewith. "Installa-
7 tion" includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation
8 of the specifications for the equipment or system to be installed
9 pursuant to a survey, the installation of the equipment or system,
10 or the demonstration of the equipment or system after the installa-
11 tion is completed, but does not include any survey, design or pre-
12 preparation of specifications for equipment or for a system which is
13 prepared by an engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of
14 P. L. 1938, c. 342 (C. 45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pur-
15 suant to the provisions of R. S. 45:3-1 et seq., if the survey, design,
16 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction
17 of a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building
18 or premises, which renovation includes components other than the
19 installation of a burglar or fire alarm system.

20 b. "Burglar alarm" means a security system comprised of an
21 interconnected series of alarm devices or components including
22 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals which emits an
23 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition
24 and providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to dis-
25 courage crime.

26 c. "Fire alarm" means a security system comprised of an inter-
27 connected series of alarm devices or components including systems
28 interconnected with radio frequency signals which emits an audible,
29 visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and pro-
30 vides a warning of the presence of smoke or fire; except that "fire
31 alarm" does not mean a system whose primary purpose is telecom-
32 munications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior
33 environment being an incidental feature thereto.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides a statutory definition of the business of installing, servicing and maintaining burglar and fire alarm systems, in order to differentiate alarm businesses from businesses performing electrical work requiring a business permit. Alarm systems would be required to be inspected under the State Uniform Construction Code.

BILL SIGNINGS A-1049 Et. Al.

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S-140, sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand, D-Camden, which supplements the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by requiring hospitals to determine whether a patient has made an anatomical gift, to whom the gift was made, and to make that information part of the patient's permanent records.

S-196, sponsored by State Senator John P. Caufield, D-Essex, which permits county and municipal hospitals and nursing homes to enter into joint agreements with other hospitals and health related facilities for the joint purchase of materials, supplies and services from private non-profit hospital associations without public bidding.

S-2124, sponsored by State Senator John F. Russo, D-Ocean, which provides for uniform budgetary procedures for fire districts and requires that nominating petitions for candidates for boards of fire commissioners contain a notice that the candidate must comply with the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.

S-2870, sponsored by State Senator Feldman, which exempts the installation of burglar and fire alarm systems involving 30 volts or less from the permit requirement provisions of the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 1962.

S-2890, sponsored by State Senator Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, which appropriates \$90,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection as State aid to Union and Middlesex counties for spill prevention, response and cleanup.

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