

R.S. 48:7-14,15

June 21, 1973

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S.48:7-14,15  
(Approval of electrical inspection authorities  
by Board of Public Utilities)

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Dec. 7 - Introduced by Goldfarb and others.

Feb. 8 - Passed in Assembly.

Apr. 29, 1971 - Passed in Senate.

June 24, 1971 - Approved, chapter 244, 1971.

No Statement

Not amended during passage.

Governor's statement on signing (copy enclosed).

No hearings or reports were located

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Encl.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1353

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 7, 1970

By Assemblymen GOLDFARB, CAPUTO, KALTENBACHER,  
COBB, VREELAND and SHUSTED

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Industry and Professions

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning electrical contracting, providing for the regulation thereof, establishing a board of electrical examiners and making an appropriation," approved August 30, 1962 (P. L. 1962, c. 162), and supplementing chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. Section 16 of P. L. 1962, c. 162 (C. 45:5A-16) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 16. The board may refuse to grant, or may suspend, revoke or  
4 refuse to renew any license or business permit if the holder has:  
5 (a) secured such license or business permit by misrepresenta-  
6 tion;

7 (b) failed to maintain the qualifications required by this act  
8 or demonstrated a level of competence manifestly inconsistent with  
9 retention of the license or business permit in question;

10 (c) engaged in fraudulent business activities or in misleading  
11 advertising practices;

12-14 (d) violated a provision of this act;

15 (e) committed an act of gross negligence or condoned such an  
16 act by an employee of his;

17 (f) failed to adequately and properly supervise employees in  
18 compliance with recognized safety standards;

19 (g) failed to secure inspection of electrical construction by an  
20 inspection authority approved by the [board,] *Board of Public*  
21 *Utility Commissioners* or otherwise provided by law; or

22 (h) failed to perform electrical construction in conformance  
23 with standards of the National Electrical Code then in effect and

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

24 the standards, if any, of the municipality wherein such work is  
25 performed.

26 Any person may prefer charges as set forth above against any  
27 licensee or permit holder. Such charges shall be in writing and  
28 shall be sworn to by the person making them and shall be filed  
29 with the secretary of the board. All charges unless dismissed by  
30 the board as unfounded or trivial shall be heard by the board after  
30A completing any necessary investigation. The time and place for  
31 the hearing shall be fixed by the board and a copy of the charges  
32 together with a notice of the time and place of hearing shall be  
33 personally served on or mailed to the last known address of the  
34 licensee at least 30 days before the date fixed for the hearing. At  
35 any hearing the accused licensee or permit holder shall have the  
36 right to appear personally and by counsel to cross-examine wit-  
37 nesses appearing against him and to produce evidence and witnesses  
38 in his own defense. No license or business permit shall be sus-  
39 pended or revoked except upon the agreement of at least four mem-  
40 bers of the board.

41 An applicant whose license or business permit has been revoked  
42 may become eligible not earlier than 1 year from the date of said  
43 revocation for a new license or business permit upon meeting all  
44 of the requirements of this act and, in the case of an application  
45 for a license, upon the satisfactory completion of an examination  
46 as herein provided.

1 2. The Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the Department  
2 of Public Utilities shall approve all electrical inspection authorities  
3 for inspection of electrical construction work by an electrical con-  
4 tractor licensed under the provisions of P. L. 1962, c. 162. The  
5 Board of Public Utility Commissioners is authorized to promulgate  
6 all rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
7 this act.

1 3. All electrical inspection agencies approved by the Public  
2 Utilities Commission shall be accepted by electrical utilities for  
3 electrical inspection work in the State of New Jersey.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JUNE 24, 1971

FOR RELEASE:  
IMMEDIATE

A-1353

Governor William T. Cahill today signed into law a bill which gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to license firms which inspect electrical construction work.

Under Assembly Bill 1353, sponsored by Assemblyman David Goldfarb (R., Essex), the authority for licensing inspectors is transferred to the PUC from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors. The Governor noted that this transfer of authority is appropriate since the Board is composed primarily of persons engaged in electrical construction work. The bill eliminates any potential conflict of interest.

The Governor added that the PUC has the experience and expertise to serve as a separate and independent agency to license electrical inspection.

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