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[Third Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 3317 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 16, 2008

Sponsored by: Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO District 32 (Bergen and Hudson) Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblywoman Voss, Senators Sarlo and S.Kean

SYNOPSIS

Revises conditions to qualify for exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on November 23, 2009 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/22/2009)

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1 AN ACT concerning electrical contracting permit requirements for 2 certain electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done 3 on public property and amending P.L.1962, c.162. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 1. Section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18) is amended to 8 9 read as follows: 10 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the 11 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies 12 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so 13 as to require the securing of a business permit under this act: 14 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and 15 fuses. (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable 16 17 permanently installed receptacles. (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment or 18 19 apparatus. 20 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railway cars, elevators, 21 escalators or automotive equipment. 22 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-23 13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and 24 operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and 25 distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power. 26 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control 27 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under the authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged in the 28 29 furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to a public 30 utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a communication or 31 signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated with any 32 public utility and engaged in research and development in the 33 communications field. 34 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility 35 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such 36 an agency. 37 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment. 38 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government. 39 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts. 40 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises 41 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on premises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a 42 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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ARP committee amendments adopted October 23, 2008.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted March 5, 2009.

³Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations November 23, 2009.

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1 regular employee who is a qualified journeyman electrician 2 ¹registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).¹ (1) [Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular 3 4 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school 5 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State, 6 municipality, county, or school district.] ¹[(Deleted by a 7 amendment, P.L. , c.) Installation, repair or maintenance 8 performed by regular employees of the State or of a municipality, 9 county, or school district on the premises or property owned or 10 occupied by the State, a municipality, county, or school district; 11 provided that a regular employee of the State, municipality, county 12 or school district performing this work is a qualified journeyman 13 electrician registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1)², or holds any civil service title with a job 14 15 description which includes electrical work pursuant to the "Civil Service Act," N.J.S.11A:1-1 et seq., or regulations adopted pursuant 16 17 thereto³, or any employee of a State authority who has completed 18 an apprenticeship training program approved by the United States 19 Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, that deals 20 specifically with electrical work, and is of a minimum duration of three years³. 21 22 Any regular employee of the State, or of a municipality, county 23 or school district who has submitted his registration application to 24 the board for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician shall be permitted to continue to perform work pursuant to this 25 subsection until such time as the board acts upon his application. 26 27 Any applicant whose registration application is not approved by the 28 board shall no longer be permitted to perform electrical work 29 pursuant to this subsection².¹ (m) The maintaining, installing or connecting of automatic oil, 30 31 gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing 32 equipment and the lighting in connection therewith to a supply of 33 adequate size at the load side of the distribution board. 34 (n) Work performed by a person on a dwelling that is occupied 35 solely as a residence for himself or for a member or members of his 36 immediate family. 37 (o) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.305). 38 (p) Any work performed by a landscape irrigation contractor 39 which has the potential of not more than 30 volts involving the 40 installation, servicing, or maintenance of a landscape irrigation 41 system as this term is defined by section 2 of this amendatory and 42 supplementary act. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to exempt 43 work covered by this subsection from inspection required by the 44 "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 45 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. (q) Any work performed by a person certified pursuant to 46 47 sections 1 through 10 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25n through

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1 C.52:27D-25w) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes 2 of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit 3 conductors between the final overcurrent device protecting the 4 circuit and one or more outlets. A certificate holder shall be 5 deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the 6 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 7 provisions of this subsection.

8 (r) Any work performed by an alarm business, as that term is 9 defined by section 2 of P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1), licensed 10 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23 et seq.) that is not branch 11 circuit wiring. For the purposes of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent 12 13 device protecting the circuit and one or more outlets. A licensee 14 shall be deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the 15 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 16 provisions of this subsection.

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

21 (cf: P.L.2001, c.289, s.20)

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23 2. This act shall take effect ²[immediately] on the first day of
 24 the sixth month following enactment².

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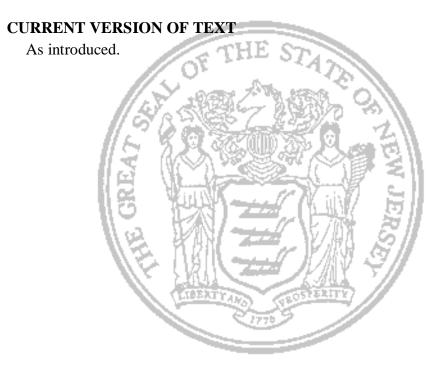
INTRODUCED OCTOBER 16, 2008

Sponsored by: Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO District 32 (Bergen and Hudson) Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblyman Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Ends exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/17/2008)

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1 AN ACT concerning electrical contracting permit requirements for 2 certain electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done 3 on public property and amending P.L.1962, c.162. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. Section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18) is amended to 9 read as follows: 10 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the 11 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies 12 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so 13 as to require the securing of a business permit under this act: 14 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and 15 fuses. (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable 16 17 permanently installed receptacles. (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment or 18 19 apparatus. 20 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railway cars, elevators, 21 escalators or automotive equipment. 22 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-23 13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and 24 operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and 25 distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power. 26 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control 27 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under the authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged in the 28 29 furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to a public 30 utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a communication or 31 signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated with any public utility and engaged in research and development in the 32 33 communications field. 34 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility 35 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such 36 an agency. 37 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment. 38 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government. 39 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts. 40 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises 41 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on 42 premises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a 43 regular employee who is a qualified journeyman electrician. 44 (1) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular 45 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

1 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State,

2 a municipality, county, or school district.] (Deleted by amendment,

3 <u>P.L.</u>, c.)

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

8 (n) Work performed by a person on a dwelling that is occupied 9 solely as a residence for himself or for a member or members of his 10 immediate family.

(o) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.305).

(p) Any work performed by a landscape irrigation contractor 12 13 which has the potential of not more than 30 volts involving the 14 installation, servicing, or maintenance of a landscape irrigation 15 system as this term is defined by section 2 of this amendatory and 16 supplementary act. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to exempt 17 work covered by this subsection from inspection required by the 18 "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 19 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

20 (q) Any work performed by a person certified pursuant to 21 sections 1 through 10 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25n through 22 C.52:27D-25w) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes 23 of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit 24 conductors between the final overcurrent device protecting the 25 circuit and one or more outlets. A certificate holder shall be 26 deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the 27 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 28 provisions of this subsection.

29 (r) Any work performed by an alarm business, as that term is 30 defined by section 2 of P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1), licensed 31 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23 et seq.) that is not branch 32 circuit wiring. For the purposes of this subsection, "branch circuit 33 wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent 34 device protecting the circuit and one or more outlets. A licensee 35 shall be deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 36 37 provisions of this subsection.

38 The board may also exempt from the business permit provisions 39 of this act such other electrical activities of like character which in 40 the board's opinion warrant exclusion from the provisions of this 41 act.

42 (cf: P.L.2001, c.289, s.20)

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

2 This bill amends "The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 3 1962," P.L.1962, c. 162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.), to eliminate the 4 5 exemption provided by that act from its electrical contracting 6 permit requirements for any electrical installation, repair or 7 maintenance work performed by regular employees of the State or 8 of a municipality, county, or school district on the premises or 9 property owned or occupied by the State, a municipality, county, or 10 school district.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2008

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 3317 with amendments.

As amended, this bill revises the conditions to qualify for exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property.

Under current law, an exemption is provided in "The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 1962," P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) from its electrical contracting permit requirements for any electrical installation, repair or maintenance work performed by regular employees of the State or of a municipality, county or school district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State, a municipality, county or school district. As provided in the committee's amendments to the bill, such an exemption is permitted only if a regular employee of the State, municipality, county or school district performing this work is a qualified journeyman electrician registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The bill originally ended the exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property. The committee amended the bill to permit such an exemption if a regular employee of the State, municipality, county or school district performing this work is a qualified journeyman electrician registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed By Assemblyman PRIETO)

ADOPTED: MARCH 5, 2009

These amendments exempt any regular employee of the State or of a municipality, county or school district who holds a civil service title with a job description which includes electrical work from the electrical contracting permit requirements contained in section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18). In addition, the amendments provide that any regular employee of the State, or of a municipality, county or school district who has submitted his registration application to the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician shall be permitted to continue to perform work until such time as the board acts upon his application.

The amendments also provide that the effective date of the bill shall be on the first day of the sixth month following enactment, rather than immediately.

SENATE, No. 2427

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 8, 2008

Sponsored by: Senator PAUL A. SARLO District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic) Senator SEAN T. KEAN District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Revises conditions to qualify for exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/9/2008)

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1 AN ACT concerning electrical contracting permit requirements for 2 certain electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done 3 on public property and amending P.L.1962, c.162. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. Section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18) is amended to 9 read as follows: 10 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the 11 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies 12 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so 13 as to require the securing of a business permit under this act: 14 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and 15 fuses. 16 (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable 17 permanently installed receptacles. (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment or 18 19 apparatus. 20 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railway cars, elevators, 21 escalators or automotive equipment. 22 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-23 13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and 24 operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and 25 distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power. 26 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control 27 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under the authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged in the 28 29 furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to a public 30 utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a communication or 31 signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated with any public utility and engaged in research and development in the 32 33 communications field. 34 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility 35 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such 36 an agency. 37 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment. 38 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government. 39 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts. 40 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises 41 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on 42 premises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a 43 regular employee who is a qualified journeyman electrician 44 registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).

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

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(1) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular
 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school
 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State,
 a municipality, county, or school district; provided that a regular
 employee of the State, municipality, county or school district
 performing this work is a qualified journeyman electrician
 registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).

8 (m) The maintaining, installing or connecting of automatic oil, 9 gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing 10 equipment and the lighting in connection therewith to a supply of 11 adequate size at the load side of the distribution board.

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

15 (o) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.305).

16 (p) Any work performed by a landscape irrigation contractor 17 which has the potential of not more than 30 volts involving the 18 installation, servicing, or maintenance of a landscape irrigation 19 system as this term is defined by section 2 of this amendatory and 20 supplementary act. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to exempt 21 work covered by this subsection from inspection required by the 22 "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 23 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

24 (q) Any work performed by a person certified pursuant to 25 sections 1 through 10 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25n through 26 C.52:27D-25w) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes 27 of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent device protecting the 28 29 circuit and one or more outlets. A certificate holder shall be 30 deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the 31 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 32 provisions of this subsection.

33 (r) Any work performed by an alarm business, as that term is 34 defined by section 2 of P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1), licensed 35 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23 et seq.) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes of this subsection, "branch circuit 36 37 wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent 38 device protecting the circuit and one or more outlets. A licensee 39 shall be deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the 40 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the 41 provisions of this subsection.

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

46 (cf: P.L.2001, c.289, s.20)

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48 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

S2427 SARLO, S. KEAN

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STATEMENT

3 This bill revises the conditions to qualify for exemptions from 4 electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, 5 repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property. Under current law, an exemption is provided in "The 6 7 Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 1962," P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) from its electrical contracting permit 8 9 requirements for any electrical installation, repair or maintenance 10 work performed by regular employees of the State or of a 11 municipality, county or school district on the premises or property 12 owned or occupied by the State, a municipality, county or school 13 district. Under the bill, such an exemption is permitted only if the 14 regular employee of the State, municipality, county or school 15 district performing this work is a qualified journeyman electrician 16 registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1). 17 The bill also requires the same registration for any journeyman

electrician who is a regular employee and who performs repair,
manufacturing and maintenance work on premises occupied by a
firm or corporation or installation work on premises occupied by a
firm or corporation.

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SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2427

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2427.

As amended, the bill revises the conditions to qualify for exemptions from electrical contracting permit requirements for electrical installation, repair and maintenance work done by public employees on public property. Under current law, an exemption is provided in "The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 1962," P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) from its electrical contracting permit requirements for any electrical installation, repair or maintenance work performed by regular employees of the State or of a municipality, county or school district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State, a municipality, county or school district. Under the bill, such an exemption is permitted only if the regular employee of the State, municipality, county or school district performing this work is a qualified journeyman electrician registered pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1) or holds any civil service title with a job description which includes electrical work pursuant to the "Civil Service Act," P.L.1986, c.112. (C.11A:1-1 et. seq.)

The bill also requires the same registration for any journeyman electrician who is a regular employee and who performs repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises occupied by a firm or corporation or installation work on premises occupied by a firm or corporation.

The committee amended the bill to exempt from the licensing requirement any public employee who holds a civil service title with a job description which includes electrical work.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3317 (Second Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3317 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

A. Summary of Bill

This bill would change the requirements governing the electrical contracting permitting process, to narrow the current exemption provisions concerning work performed on public facilities. Current law provides an exemption from permitting requirements for work performed by regular employees of the State, a municipality, county, or school district on premises or property owned or occupied by the State, municipality, county, or school district. Specifically, the bill would narrow the current law by providing that this exemption would apply only if the employee performing the work also is a registered qualified journeyman electrician or if the employee holds a civil service title with a job description that includes electrical work. In addition, the bill provides that any regular employee of the State or of a municipality, county, or school district who has submitted his or her registration application to the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician would be permitted to continue to perform work until such time as the board acts upon his application. The bill also provides that any applicant whose registration application is not approved by the board would no longer be permitted to perform electrical work.

Under current law, an exemption from electrical contracting permit requirements is provided for any electrical installation, repair, or maintenance work performed by regular employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State, a municipality, county, or school district, without regard to the journeyman status or job description of the employee performing the work.

B. Recommended Action

I commend the sponsors of this bill for their efforts in crafting this legislation, which has a salutatory public safety purpose, to enhance safety in schools, community centers, libraries, and other public buildings across the State by ensuring that electrical work is performed by properly trained individuals. I am advised, however, that it would be preferable and consistent with the intent of the legislation to use additional criteria to clarify that the bill also would exempt employees who have completed a federally approved electrical apprenticeship program, and thus have received appropriate training and education in this field. For this reason, I recommend that this bill also exempt individuals employed by a State authority who have completed an electrical apprenticeship program approved by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3317 (Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 3, Section 1, Line 15:	After "thereto" insert ", or any
	employee of a State authority who
	has completed an apprenticeship
	training program approved by the
	United States Department of Labor,
	Bureau of Apprenticeship Training,
	that deals specifically with
	electrical work, and is of a minimum
	duration of three years"
	Respectfully,

/s/ Jon S. Corzine

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ William J. Castner, Jr. Chief Counsel to the Governor 2