

48:2-32.4

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 48:2-32.4 (Public utilities--rate hearings--must be held in a place convenient to those affected)

LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 179

Bill No. A615

Sponsor(s) Herman

Date Introduced Jan. 17, 1980

Committee: Assembly Transportation and Communications

Senate Transportation and Communications

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~No~~

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto Message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

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ASSEMBLY, No. 615

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 1980

By Assemblyman HERMAN

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT concerning public utility rate hearings and supplementing
Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 *Office of Administrative Law** shall hold at least one public hearing
5 in the municipality affected by the proposed adjustment. If more
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STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 615

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 1980

This legislation provides that at least one public hearing be held before a public utility is granted any proposed increases in its rates. Such a hearing is to be held in the municipality affected by the proposed adjustment. If more than one municipality is located in the service area affected by the proposed adjustment, such a hearing is to be held in a centrally located municipality in the affected service area.

The committee amended the bill to include the public utility rate hearings held by the Office of Administrative Law as well as those held by the Board of Public Utilities.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 615

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JUNE 23, 1980

Amend page 1, section 1, line 3, after "Utilities", insert "or the Office of Administrative Law".

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 615
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 6, 1980

This legislation provides that prior to granting a public utility a rate increase, the Board of Public Utilities or the Office of Administrative Law shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipality affected by the proposed adjustment. If more than one municipality is located in the service area affected by the proposed adjustment, such hearing shall be held in a centrally located municipality in the affected service area.

The purpose of this legislation is to assure that the public has an opportunity to attend hearings on utility rate increases.

The bill was amended in the Assembly to provide for such hearings by the Office of Administrative Law since that agency has been assigned most such rate cases by the Board of Public Utilities.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 1980

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed the following bills:

A-311, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard F. Visotcky (D-Bergen) which makes it a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly employ someone as an X-ray technician who requires but does not possess a valid certificate for such activities.

Under current law, it is illegal for an X-ray technician to work without a certificate but not a crime for a doctor to employ the person.

A-515, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas F. Cowan (D-Hudson) which permits municipalities to establish by resolution, regulation or ordinance restricted parking spaces for handicapped persons possessing special ID cards issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Under prior law, municipalities could not establish such spaces by ordinance and this bill, by allowing them to take this type of action by resolutions or regulations, eliminates the costly and time-consuming hearing and publication process which the ordinance procedure requires.

The bill also provides for a fine not to exceed \$50 to be imposed on a person violating the restricted area.

✓ A-615; sponsored by Assemblyman Martin Herman (D-Gloucester) which provides that prior to granting a public utility a rate adjustment, the Board of Public Utilities or the Office of Administrative Law must hold at least one public hearing in the municipality affected by the proposed adjustment.

If more than one municipality is located in the service area of the proposed adjustment, the hearing must be held in a centrally located municipality in the affected area.