

2A:154-3

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(Correction Officers--privileges & immunities)

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SENATE: Law & Public Safety

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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 40, *approved June 20, 1996*  
Senate No. 474

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2 N.J.S.2A:154-3.

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5 of New Jersey:

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11 chosen freeholders of any county in this State shall, by virtue of such  
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13 empowered to act as officers for the detection, apprehension, arrest  
14 and conviction of offenders against the law.

15 b. In addition to the powers set forth in subsection a. of this  
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18 as provided by P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.), shall have full  
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20 within the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey.

21 c. A county correction officer who has full power of arrest  
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28 (cf: P.L.1993, c.248, s.1)

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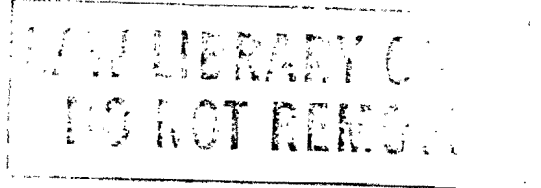
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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
SENATE, No. 474



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 14, 1996

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