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SYNOPSIS
Requires electric public utilities to install smart meters and associated infrastructure at the request of customer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.
AN ACT concerning smart meters and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. As used in P.L. , c… (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

“Advanced or smart energy meter” means an electrical meter that provides a customer with real-time usage information and pricing data on at least an hourly basis, records and store hourly usage data, reports the status of the electric power supply to an electric public utility for the customer’s premises, and turns the electric power for the customer’s premises on or off through remote disconnection or connection of service.

“Base rate case” shall have the same meaning as prescribed for that term under section 2 of P.L.1995, c.180 (C.48:2-21.25).

“Board” and “electric public utility” shall have the same meaning as prescribed for those terms under section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51).

2. An electric public utility shall install an advanced or smart energy meter at the request of a customer and any infrastructure necessary to operate an advanced or smart energy meter in a manner determined by the board. The cost to install and operate an advanced or smart energy meter and any associated infrastructure shall be recoverable by an electric public utility in a base rate case.

3. This act shall take effect immediately but remain inoperative for 365 days after the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that an electric public utility is to install an advanced or smart energy meter at the request of a customer and any infrastructure necessary to operate an advanced or smart energy meter in a manner determined by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The cost to install and operate an advanced or smart energy meter and any associated infrastructure is to be recoverable by an electric public utility in a base rate case.

Under the bill, “advanced or smart energy meter” means an electrical meter that provides a customer with real-time usage information and pricing data on at least an hourly basis, records and store hourly usage data, reports the status of the electric power supply to an electric public utility for the customer’s premises, and turns the electric power for the customer’s premises on or off through remote disconnection or connection of service.