

SENATE, No. 2328

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Exempts certain essential individuals and businesses from certain requirements in state of emergencies or public health emergencies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain exemptions during a state of emergency
2 or public health emergency, and supplementing P.L.1971, c.60
3 (C.45:1-2.1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. If the Governor declares a state of emergency pursuant to
9 P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.) or public health emergency
10 pursuant to P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), services provided
11 by the following shall be designated essential and exempt from
12 requirements included in a state of emergency or public health
13 emergency that mandate a business to temporarily close or
14 individual to temporarily isolate:

15 (1) Individuals and businesses licensed to perform electrical
16 contracting pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.),
17 heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration contracting
18 pursuant to P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-1 et seq.) or plumbing
19 pursuant to P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-1 et seq.); and

20 (2) Individuals and retail businesses that sell or offer for sale
21 building materials, and other hardware materials, products and
22 implements used for construction or repair.
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24 2. Upon the declaration of a state of emergency or public
25 health emergency, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs
26 is authorized to designate additional professions or occupations
27 licensed by the Division of Consumer Affairs, in addition to those
28 provided in section 1 of this act, as providing essential services and
29 exempt licensees providing these services from requirements
30 included in a state of emergency or public health emergency that
31 mandate a business to temporarily close or individuals to
32 temporarily isolate.
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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill establishes that certain services, individuals, and retail
40 businesses are deemed essential and are exempt from business
41 closure or self-isolation requirements that may be included in a state
42 of emergency or public health emergency declaration issued by the
43 Governor. Services included in the bill are electrical contracting,
44 heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR)
45 work, and plumbing services. Retail businesses included in the bill
46 are those that sell or offer for sale building materials, and other

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1 hardware materials, products and implements used to construct or
2 repair. Additionally, the bill allows the Director of the Division of
3 Consumer Affairs to designate services in other professions or
4 occupations licensed by the division, aside from electrical
5 contracting, HVACR and plumbing, as essential and exempt those
6 individuals or businesses from any declaration included in a state of
7 emergency or public health emergency that requires a business to
8 temporarily close or individuals to temporarily isolate.