

P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 40, *approved June 20, 1996*

Senate No. 474

1 AN ACT concerning certain corrections officers and amending
2 N.J.S.2A:154-3.

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

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7 1. N.J.S.2A:154-3 is amended to read as follows:

8 2A:154-3. a. All court attendants, sheriff's officers and county
9 correction officers in the competitive class of civil service who have
10 been or who may hereafter be appointed by the sheriff or board of
11 chosen freeholders of any county in this State shall, by virtue of such
12 appointment and in addition to any other power or authority, be
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
16 section, any county correction officer who has satisfactorily completed
17 a basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission,
18 as provided by P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.), shall have full
19 power of arrest for any crime committed in his presence anywhere
20 within the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey.

21 c. A county correction officer who has full power of arrest
22 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, and is acting under lawful
23 authority beyond the territorial limits of his employing county, shall
24 have all of the immunities from tort liability and shall have all of the
25 pension, relief, disability, workmen's compensation, insurance, and
26 other benefits enjoyed while performing duties within the employing
27 county.

28 (cf: P.L.1993, c.248, s.1)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill provides that a county correction officer who has full
36 power of arrest pursuant to subsection b. of N.J.S.2A:154-3, and is
37 acting under lawful authority beyond the territorial limits of his
38 employing county, shall have all of the immunities from tort liability
39 and shall have all of the pension, relief, disability, workmen's
40 compensation, insurance, and other benefits enjoyed while performing
41 duties within the employing county.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 This bill provides county correction officers with immunities and
2 benefits similar to those that are currently given to municipal police
3 officers who have Statewide police powers.

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8 Provides certain privileges and immunities to county corrections
9 officers under certain circumstances.