

SENATE, No. 645

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

1 AN ACT concerning certain county 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] the governing body of any county in this State
12 shall, by virtue of such appointment and in addition to any other power
13 or authority, be empowered to act as officers for the detection,
14 apprehension, arrest and conviction of offenders against the law.
15 County corrections officers in the unclassified civil service shall also
16 be so empowered.

17 b. In addition to the powers set forth in subsection a. of this
18 section, any county correction officer who has satisfactorily completed
19 a basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission,
20 as provided by P.L.1961, c.56(C.52:17B-66 et seq.), shall have full
21 power of arrest for any crime committed in his presence anywhere
22 within the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey.
23 (cf: P.L.1993, c.248, s.1)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill amends N.J.S.2A:154-3 to clarify the police powers of
31 county corrections officers in the unclassified civil service.

32 Under the provisions of the bill, county corrections officers
33 appointed to the unclassified civil service, as well as those in the
34 competitive class of civil service, would have general police powers

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 to detect, apprehend and arrest offenders.

2 The bill also clarifies that county correction officers serving in the
3 unclassified civil service who have satisfactorily completed a basic
4 training course approved by the Police Training Commission have
5 Statewide power of arrest.

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10 Grants Statewide power of arrest to certain trained county correction
11 officers.