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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes probation officers to exercise police powers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT authorizing probation officers to exercise police powers
2 and amending P.L.1968, c.427.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1968, c.427 (C.2A:154-4) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. All correction officers of the State of New Jersey, parole
10 officers employed by the State Parole Board , probation officers
11 employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and
12 investigators in the Department of Corrections, who have been or
13 who may hereafter be appointed or employed, shall, by virtue of
14 such appointment or employment and in addition to any other
15 power or authority, be empowered to act as officers for the
16 detection, apprehension, arrest and conviction of offenders against
17 the law.

18 (cf: P.L.2001, c.79, s.14)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill authorizes probation officers to exercise police powers.
26 Specifically, they would have the authority to act as officers for the
27 detection, apprehension, arrest, and conviction of offenders against
28 the law by virtue of their appointment or employment as probation
29 officers.

30 P.L.1968, c.427 (C.2A:154-4) authorizes corrections officers,
31 parole officers, and investigators in the Department of Corrections
32 to exercise police powers. This bill expands this law to similarly
33 empower probation officers to act as police officers.

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.