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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes probation officers to exercise police powers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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

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