

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 785

Short Title: Regulation of LP Gas.

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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Clodfelter, Cooper, Dannelly, Horton, Hoyle, Kerr, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Perdue, and Warren.

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Referred to: Commerce.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE INSPECTION AND  
3 REGULATION OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 119-58 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 119-58. Unlawful acts.**

7 (a) It shall be an unlawful act for any person to:

8 (1) Sell any liquefied petroleum gas burning appliance designed or built for  
9 domestic use ~~which~~that has not been approved by the American Gas  
10 Association, Inc., the Underwriters Laboratory, Inc., or other laboratory  
11 approved by the ~~Commissioner of Agriculture;~~ Building Code Council.

12 (2) ~~Install any unvented space heating appliance in a manufactured home as~~  
13 ~~defined in G.S. 143-145(7);~~

14 (3) ~~Install any unvented space heating appliance in a sleeping room that has~~  
15 ~~an input of over 30 BTU per cubic feet of enclosure;~~

16 (4) Fill a consumer tank or container in excess of 85 percent (85%) of its  
17 water capacity, or to fill a tank or container on the premises of a  
18 consumer that is not equipped with a fill tube or gauge; provided, ~~said~~

1           the tank or container may be filled by weight if the tank or container is  
2 weighed before and after ~~filling,~~ filling.

3           (5) Disconnect an appliance from a gas supply line without capping or  
4 plugging ~~said the~~ line before leaving the ~~premises,~~ premises.

5           (6) Turn on the gas after reestablishing an interrupted service without first  
6 having checked and closed all gas ~~outlets,~~ outlets.

7           (7) Violate any provisions of this Article or any rules ~~and regulations~~  
8 ~~promulgated thereunder.~~ adopted pursuant to this Article.

9           (b) Every supply tank or container with its regulating equipment connected in a  
10 service system, shall be identified while in service by the supplier with an attached tag,  
11 ~~label-label,~~ or other marking that includes the name of the person supplying liquefied  
12 petroleum gas to ~~said the~~ system, and it shall be unlawful for any person, other than ~~said~~  
13 the supplier or the owner of the system, to disconnect, interrupt or fill ~~said the~~ system  
14 with liquefied petroleum gas without the consent of ~~said the~~ supplier. ~~Provided, if~~ If  
15 another registered supplier is requested by the consumer to connect ~~his~~ service and is  
16 given permission by the consumer to do so, the new supplier shall notify the former  
17 supplier before disconnecting the former service and connecting the new service and shall  
18 cap or plug all disconnected equipment outlets and leave ~~said the~~ equipment in a  
19 condition consistent with this Article and the rules ~~and regulations promulgated thereunder.~~  
20 adopted pursuant to this Article."

21           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to liquefied  
22 petroleum gas burning appliances installed on and after that date.