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SENATE BILL 785
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/7/99

Short Title: Regulation of LP Gas.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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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 AND TO DIRECT THE
4 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ADVISABILITY
5 OF ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF UNVENTED GAS BURNING
6 HEATING APPLIANCES IN MANUFACTURED AND MODULAR HOMES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 **"§ 119-58. Unlawful acts.**

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

- 11 (1) Sell any liquefied petroleum gas burning appliance designed or built for
12 domestic use ~~which~~ ~~that~~ has not been approved by the American Gas
13 Association, Inc., the Underwriters Laboratory, Inc., or other laboratory
14 approved by the ~~Commissioner of Agriculture;~~ Building Code Council.
- 15 (2) ~~Install any unvented space heating appliance in a manufactured home as~~
16 ~~defined in G.S. 143-145(7);~~
- 17 (3) ~~Install any unvented space heating appliance in a sleeping room that has~~
18 ~~an input of over 30 BTU per cubic feet of enclosure;~~

- 1 (4) Fill a consumer tank or container in excess of 85 percent (85%) of its
2 water capacity, or to fill a tank or container on the premises of a
3 consumer that is not equipped with a fill tube or gauge; provided, ~~said~~
4 the tank or container may be filled by weight if the tank or container is
5 weighed before and after ~~filling;~~ filling.
- 6 (5) Disconnect an appliance from a gas supply line without capping or
7 plugging ~~said the line~~ before leaving the ~~premises;~~ premises.
- 8 (6) Turn on the gas after reestablishing an interrupted service without first
9 having checked and closed all gas ~~outlets;~~ outlets.
- 10 (7) Violate any provisions of this Article or any rules ~~and regulations~~
11 ~~promulgated thereunder.~~ adopted pursuant to this Article.

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

24 Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall study the advisability
25 of allowing the installation of unvented gas burning heating appliances in manufactured
26 and modular homes. The study shall investigate the potential health and safety problems
27 posed to the occupants of manufactured and modular homes in which unvented gas
28 heaters have been installed. In conducting its study, the Legislative Research
29 Commission shall consult with the Building Code Council, the Manufactured Housing
30 Division of the Department of Insurance, the Engineering Division of the Department of
31 Insurance, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Legislative Research
32 Commission may make an interim report of its findings to the 2000 Regular Session of
33 the 1999 General Assembly and shall make a final report to the 2001 General Assembly.

34 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to liquefied
35 petroleum gas burning appliances installed on and after that date.