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SENATE BILL 275

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
REGULATION OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 15-75-107 and 15-75-108 are repealed.
~~15-75-107. Odorization of gas.~~

~~All liquefied petroleum gases shall be effectively odorized with a distinctive agent at the time of manufacture by the use of an approved chemical agent of such character as to positively indicate the presence of gas in concentrations not to exceed one fifth (1/5) of the lowest limit of flammability of such gas, except where used in connection with a chemical or other manufacturing processes in which it would prove harmful and would serve no useful purpose as a warning agent.~~

~~15-75-108. Dealers' safety meetings for employees.~~

~~Each dealer authorized to engage in the liquefied petroleum gas business generally in this state, in conjunction with representatives of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, an insurance company, or other recognized safety organization, shall conduct with all employees handling liquefied petroleum gases one (1) general safety meeting during each twelve month period.~~



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 75, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-75-113. Training.

(a) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board may require initial, recurring, and annual training for employees of all permit holders under this section.

(b) A permit holder shall provide proof of training when submitting annual permit renewal requests.

(c) A certified employee who fails to attend the required training is subject to a certification suspension or revocation.

(d) The board may promulgate rules to establish training requirements for employees of all permit holders under this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-75-207 is amended to read as follows:

15-75-207. Rules.

~~(a) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board is empowered to make reasonable rules to carry out the provisions of this subchapter. Such rules shall have the force and effect of law~~ may promulgate rules to carry out the functions, powers, and duties conferred on the board by law.

~~(b) In addition to the functions, powers, and duties conferred and imposed upon the board by this subchapter, and the regulation of its own procedure and carrying out its functions, powers, and duties, it shall have the authority from time to time to make, amend, and enforce all reasonable rules not inconsistent with law, which will aid in the performance of any of the functions, powers, or duties conferred or imposed upon it by law~~ The board may adopt through rulemaking the National Fire Protection Association Standards, in whole or in part.

~~(c) All permanent rules promulgated for the regulation of liquefied petroleum gases as published in the state code governing liquefied petroleum gas containers and equipment dated May 1, 1964, shall remain in full force and effect until changed, altered, amended, or abolished by the board.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 15-75-208 is repealed.

~~15-75-208. Standards for containers, systems, etc.~~

~~The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board shall provide additional standards or specifications for containers, systems, appliances, and appurtenances, as may be reasonably necessary for the public safety. The standards or~~

~~specifications are to be set forth in the rules of the state code governing liquefied petroleum gas containers and equipment.~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 15-75-304(d)(1), concerning the authority of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board to accept a reciprocal state's transportation and delivery examination, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The board may accept as its own a reciprocal state's ~~transportation and delivery examination~~ employee certification for a transport driver only if it contains substantially equivalent requirements as those required by the board.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 15-75-305(k), concerning the requirement that an applicant for a class one permit attend a forty-hour basic course in liquefied petroleum gas, is amended to read as follows:

~~(k)(1) Applicants for a class one permit must attend a forty-hour basic course in liquefied petroleum gas, as prescribed by the board, prior to the board meeting at which the review of the final action on their application may be heard.~~

~~(2)~~ All owners, managers or officials, and employees connected to or listed on the class one application must attend the ~~basic~~ initial training course prior to the board meeting at which the review of their application may be heard.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 15-75-308(b)(2), concerning the requirement that an applicant for a class two permit related to liquefied petroleum gas provide a certified or notarized financial statement, is repealed.

~~(2) Must provide a certified or notarized financial statement which has been compiled within the past sixty (60) days;~~

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 15-75-309(d)(3), concerning the requirement that an applicant for a class three permit related to liquefied petroleum gas provide a certified or notarized financial statement, is repealed.

~~(3) Must provide a certified or notarized financial statement which has been compiled within the past sixty (60) days; and~~

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 15-75-311(b)(2), concerning the requirement

that an applicant for a class five permit related to liquefied petroleum gas provide a certified or notarized financial statement, is repealed.

~~(2) Must provide a certified or notarized financial statement which has been compiled within the past sixty (60) days;~~

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 15-75-316(b)(2), concerning the requirement that an applicant for a class ten permit related to liquefied petroleum gas provide a certified or notarized financial statement, is repealed.

~~(2) Must provide a certified or notarized financial statement which has been compiled within the past sixty (60) days;~~

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code §§ 15-75-401 – 15-75-403 are repealed.

~~15-75-401. Vapor pressure.~~

~~The vapor pressure of any gases delivered for use in any container shall not exceed, at one hundred degrees Fahrenheit (100°F), the allowable pressure for gas to be used in the container as fixed by the manufacturer.~~

~~15-75-402. Strength of butane containers.~~

~~Each container, except containers designed to operate under refrigerated or cryogenic conditions, where used in the transportation or storage of a liquefied petroleum gas mixture known as butane gas shall be designed and constructed to withstand an internal pressure of not less than one hundred twenty five pounds (125 lbs.) per square inch.~~

~~15-75-403. Strength of propane containers.~~

~~Each container, except containers designed to operate under refrigerated or cryogenic conditions, where used for the storage or transportation of a liquefied petroleum gas mixture known as propane gas shall be designed and constructed to withstand an internal pressure of not less than two hundred fifty pounds (250 lbs.) per square inch.~~

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 15-75-407 is repealed.

~~15-75-407. Retail sellers to furnish account statements to certain customers.~~

~~(a) Each person, corporation, partnership, association, or other~~

~~entity engaging in the business of selling liquefied petroleum gas at retail in the state shall furnish within the first twenty (20) days of each calendar month to each retail customer in the state having a credit balance of twenty dollars (\$20.00) or more a statement of the customer's account showing that credit balance.~~

~~(b) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board shall see that every propane dealer doing business in the State of Arkansas receives a copy of this section and shall monitor compliance with this section.~~

~~(c) The failure of any person, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity to comply with the provisions of this section or the rules of the board adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall constitute grounds for the revocation or suspension of the license or permit of each person or entity to engage in the business of selling liquefied petroleum gas at retail in this state.~~

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(32), concerning the enumeration of special revenues, is amended to read as follows:

(32) ~~Liquefied petroleum gas board~~ Petroleum Gas Board filing fees, inspection fees, registration fees, permits, and certificates of competency, as enacted by Acts 1965, No. 31, known as the "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board Act", and all laws amendatory thereto, §§ ~~15-75-101—15-75-108, 15-75-110, 15-75-201—15-75-204, §15-75-205 [repealed], §§15-75-206—15-75-209, 15-75-301—15-75-321, and 15-75-401—15-75-405~~ 15-75-101 – 15-75-106, 15-75-110, 15-75-201 – 15-75-204, 15-75-206, 15-75-207, 15-75-209, 15-75-301 – 15-75-321, 15-75-404, and 15-75-405;

SECTION 14. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.

Sections 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 13 shall be effective on and after April 1, 2026.

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