
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1622

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By House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives P. Sullivan, Crouse and Morris)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulating liquefied petroleum gas; adding a new
2 chapter to Title 19 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Clearly excessive price" means a price which exceeds one
7 hundred and fifteen percent of the price per MBtu charged to a person
8 who owns their own liquefied gas container.

9 (2) "Cylinder" means a portable container that is constructed to
10 United States department of transportation specifications that has less
11 than two hundred thirty-nine pounds of water capacity and that is
12 capable of storing liquefied petroleum gas.

13 (3) "Liquefied petroleum gas" means any hydrocarbon or mixture of
14 hydrocarbons composed predominantly of propane, propylene, butanes,
15 normal butane, isobutane, or butylenes.

16 (4) "Person" means a natural person, corporation, partnership,
17 firm, receiver, trustee, or any organized group of persons.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A person, other than the owner of a
2 liquefied petroleum gas container or a person authorized in writing by
3 the owner, may not:

4 (a) Fill or refill a liquefied petroleum gas container with
5 liquefied petroleum gas or any other gas or compound; or

6 (b) Deface, erase, obliterate, cover up, or otherwise remove or
7 conceal any name, mark, initial, or device on a liquefied petroleum gas
8 container.

9 (2) This section does not apply to cylinders.

10 (3) A person violating this section is subject to a one thousand
11 dollar fine payable to the county where the violation occurs.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is a violation of the consumer protection
13 act, chapter 19.86 RCW, to charge a clearly excessive price per MBtu of
14 liquefied petroleum gas to a person who owns their own liquefied gas
15 container, or to charge more than a reasonable inspection fee in
16 refilling such a container.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
18 a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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