

SENATE FILE 70  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for regulation of the sale of liquefied  
2 petroleum gas, and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.1, subsection 1, Code 1997, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Furnishing liquefied petroleum gas, gas by piped  
4 distribution system, or electricity to the public for  
5 compensation. As used in this subsection, "liquefied  
6 petroleum gas" means material used for fuel composed of the  
7 following hydrocarbons or the following mixture of  
8 hydrocarbons: propane, propylene, normal butanes, isobutanes,  
9 or butylenes.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that a person furnishing liquefied  
12 petroleum gas to the public for compensation is a public  
13 utility for purposes of chapter 476, therefore subjecting the  
14 person to regulation by the utilities division of the  
15 department of commerce. Special regulations for gas public  
16 utilities having less than 2,000 customers are currently  
17 provided under section 476.1C and would apply to liquefied  
18 petroleum gas sales under the bill. Section 476.1C requires  
19 notice to customers of proposed increased rates, charges,  
20 schedules, or regulations. Customers have a right to petition  
21 the utilities board, and the board is authorized to make a  
22 determination of just and reasonable rates. A civil penalty  
23 is made applicable to persons violating the provisions of the  
24 bill.

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