

House Study Bill 568 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of deliverable fuels to
2 customers eligible for the federal low-income home energy
3 assistance program, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.105 Deliverable fuels access
2 for low-income home energy assistance program customers —
3 rulemaking authority.

4 1. The rulemaking authority of the division shall apply to
5 all deliverable fuel vendors regarding the provision of service
6 to low-income home energy assistance program customers.

7 2. The division shall adopt rules governing contracts and
8 agreements with deliverable fuel vendors in order to protect
9 the rights of persons who heat their homes with deliverable
10 fuels and who are eligible for the federal low-income home
11 energy assistance program. This section shall be narrowly
12 construed to confer rulemaking authority strictly with respect
13 to customer access to deliverable fuels from November 1 to
14 April 1 annually.

15 3. For the purposes of this section, unless the context
16 otherwise requires:

17 a. *“Deliverable fuel”* means propane or any other heating
18 fuel sold or delivered within this state for home heating
19 purposes.

20 b. *“Deliverable fuel vendor”* means a retail propane
21 dispenser, retail propane marketer, or a retail dispenser or
22 marketer of a deliverable fuel other than propane.

23 c. *“Propane”, “retail propane dispenser”, and “retail propane*
24 *marketer”* mean the same as defined in section 101C.2.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill confers rulemaking authority upon the division
29 of community action agencies of the department of human
30 rights with respect to ensuring access by customers eligible
31 for the federal low-income home energy assistance program to
32 deliverable fuels for home heating purposes. The bill provides
33 that the division shall adopt rules governing contracts and
34 agreements with deliverable fuel vendors in order to protect
35 the rights of eligible persons who heat their homes with

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