SECOND ENROLLMENT

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR House Bill No. 2968

(By Delegates Mahan, Sumner, Moye, Wooten and Susman)

Passed April 11, 2009

In Effect From Passage
AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections, designated §29-3-5c and §29-3-16d, all relating to requiring the State Fire Commission to establish safety standards for fuel gas systems; requiring the State Fire Commission to establish safety standards for liquefied petroleum gas systems; and requiring the State Fire Commission to establish safety standards for non-owner or occupant installation, maintenance or service of fuel gas systems in one or two family dwellings.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto two new sections, designated §29-3-5c and §29-3-16d, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 3. FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.

§29-3-5c. Liquified petroleum gas systems.

(a) The State Fire Commission shall, on or before July 1, 2009, propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to provide:

(1) Standard safe practices for the design, construction, location, installation, maintenance and operation of liquefied petroleum gas systems, as established by the National Fire Protection Association Standard 58; and

(2) Training standards and qualifications for persons who install or maintain liquefied petroleum gas systems as established by the National Propane Gas Association’s Certified Employee Training Program.

(b) The State Fire Commission may establish work groups and seek input in the rulemaking process from groups or individuals with an interest in any aspect of the operation or use of liquefied petroleum gas systems.

§29-3-16d. Performance of installation of propane gas systems.

(a) Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provisions to the contrary, any person who installs, fuels, maintains or services any fuel gas system to a one or two family dwelling shall comply with this article and the rules promulgated under this article relating to fuel gas systems.

(b) This section does not apply to any person who performs this work on a single family dwelling owned or leased, and occupied by that person. The personal exemption provided in this subsection is the same as the personal exemption provided in the Supervision of Fire Protection Work Act, §29-3D-1, et seq.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 18th day of May, 2009.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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