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AN ACT to amend the energy law, in relation to implementing the New York propane education and safety act; and to amend the general business law, in relation to consumer protections for liquefied petroleum gas systems

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1	Section 1. The energy law is amended by adding a new article 14 to
2	read as follows:
3	ARTICLE 14
4	NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY ACT
5	SECTION 14-101. SHORT TITLE.
б	14-102. DEFINITIONS.
7	14-103. REFERENDUM; CREATION AND TERMINATION OF A PROGRAM.
8 9	14-104. NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL.
9	14-105. ASSESSMENTS.
10	14-106. COMPLIANCE.
11	14-107. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS.
12	14-108. PRICING.
13	14-109. RELATION TO OTHER PROGRAMS.
14	S 14-101. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS
15	THE NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY ACT.
16	S 14-102. DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
17	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
18	1. "COUNCIL" MEANS A NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL
19	CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-104 OF THIS ARTICLE;
20	2. "PRESIDENT" MEANS THE CHAIRMAN OF NYSERDA OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;
21	3. "EDUCATION" MEANS ANY ACTION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING
22	PROPANE, PROPANE EQUIPMENT, MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL PRACTICES, AND
23	PROPANE USES TO CONSUMERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PROPANE INDUSTRY;
	EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
	[] is old law to be omitted.

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4. "INDUSTRY" MEANS THOSE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, 1 TRANS-2 PORTATION, AND SALE OF PROPANE, AND THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPANE UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT; 3 4 5. "INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM TAX, 5 UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OR 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 6 1986, REPRESENTING THE PROPANE INDUSTRY; 7 6. "NYSERDA" MEANS THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT 8 AUTHORITY; 9 7. "ODORIZED PROPANE" MEANS PROPANE WHICH HAS AN ODORANT ADDED TO IT; 10 "PRODUCER" MEANS THE OWNER OF PROPANE AT THE TIME IT IS RECOVERED 8. AT A GAS PROCESSING PLANT OR REFINERY; IRRESPECTIVE OF THE STATE 11 WHERE 12 PRODUCTION OCCURS; 13 9. "PROPANE" MEANS A HYDROCARBON WHOSE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IS PREDO-14 MINATELY C3H8, WHETHER RECOVERED FROM NATURAL GAS OR CRUDE OIL, AND 15 INCLUDES LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GASES AND MIXTURES THEREOF; 10. "PUBLIC MEMBER" MEANS A DESIGNEE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK 16 17 STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; 11. "OUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION" MEANS THE NEW YORK PROPANE 18 GAS 19 ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, A SUCCESSOR ASSOCI-ATION OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS, OR ANY OTHER PROPANE INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION; 20 12. "RESEARCH" MEANS ANY TYPE OF STUDY, INVESTIGATION OR OTHER ACTIV-21 22 ITIES DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE IMAGE, DESIRABILITY, USAGE, MARKETABILITY, 23 EFFICIENCY, AND SAFETY OF PROPANE AND TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH 24 INFORMATION; 25 "RETAIL MARKETER" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN THE SALE OF 13. 26 ODORIZED PROPANE TO THE ULTIMATE CONSUMER OR TO RETAIL PROPANE DISPEN-27 SERS; AND 28 "RETAIL PROPANE DISPENSER" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS ODORIZED 14. 29 PROPANE TO THE ULTIMATE CONSUMER BUT IS NOT ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN THE 30 BUSINESS OF SUCH SALES. S 14-103. REFERENDUM; CREATION AND TERMINATION OF A PROGRAM. 1. QUAL-31 32 IFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS SHALL CONDUCT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, A 33 REFERENDUM AMONG PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS FOR THE CREATION OF A 34 NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL, IF ESTAB-LISHED, SHALL REIMBURSE THE OUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS 35 FOR THE COST OF THE REFERENDUM ACCOUNTING AND DOCUMENTATION. THE REFERENDUM 36 37 SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM AGREED TO BY THE 38 QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS. THE RESULTS, AS CERTIFIED BY AN INDE-39 PENDENT AUDITING FIRM, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT WITHIN THIRTY 40 DAYS OF CERTIFICATION. VOTING RIGHTS IN THE REFERENDUM SHALL BE BASED ON THE VOLUME OF PROPANE PRODUCED OR ODORIZED PROPANE SOLD IN THE PREVIOUS 41 CALENDAR YEAR. UPON APPROVAL OF THOSE PERSONS REPRESENTING TWO-THIRDS OF 42 43 THE TOTAL VALUE OF PROPANE VOTED IN THE RETAIL MARKETER CLASS AND 44 TWO-THIRDS OF ALL PROPANE VOTED IN THE PRODUCER CLASS, THE COUNCIL SHALL 45 BE ESTABLISHED, AND SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT ON ODOR-IZED PROPANE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14-105 OF THIS ARTICLE. ALL 46 47 PERSONS VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM SHALL CERTIFY TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT-48 ING FIRM THE VOLUME OF PROPANE REPRESENTED BY THEIR VOTE. 49 2. ON THE COUNCIL'S OWN INITIATIVE, OR ON PETITION TO THE COUNCIL BY 50 PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS REPRESENTING THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOLUME OF PROPANE IN EACH CLASS, THE COUNCIL SHALL, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, 51 HOLD A REFERENDUM TO BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM 52 SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDUSTRY FAVORS TERMI-53 54 NATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE COUNCIL. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS IT IS APPROVED BY PERSONS REPRESENTING MORE THAN 55 56 ONE-HALF OF THE TOTAL VOLUME OF ODORIZED PROPANE IN THE RETAIL MARKETER

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CLASS AND MORE THAN ONE-HALF THE TOTAL VOLUME OF PROPANE IN THE PRODUCER CLASS. S 14-104. NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL. 1. THE QUALI-FIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS SHALL SELECT ALL RETAIL MARKETERS MEMBERS AND PRODUCER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT SHALL DESIGNATE ONE PUBLIC MEMBER. VACANCIES IN THE UNFINISHED TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS WERE THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS. 2. IN SELECTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGAN-IZATIONS SHALL GIVE DUE REGARD TO SELECTING A COUNCIL THAT IS REPRESEN-TATIVE OF THE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION OF: (A) GAS PROCESSORS AND OIL REFINERS AMONG PRODUCERS; (B) INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE OPERATORS AMONG RETAIL MARKETERS; (C) LARGE AND SMALL COMPANIES AMONG PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS, INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES; AND (D) DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE. 3. THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF NO LESS THAN FIVE AND UP TO SEVEN MEMBERS, WITH NO LESS THAN FOUR AND UP TO SIX MEMBERS REPRESENTING RETAIL MARKETERS AND PRODUCERS, AND ONE PUBLIC MEMBER. OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC MEMBER, COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OR OWNERS OF BUSINESSES IN THE INDUSTRY OR REPRESENTATIVES OF AGRICULTURAL COOPER-ATIVES. NO EMPLOYEE OF A QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, AND NO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY SERVE CONCUR-RENTLY AS AN OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A OUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION OR OTHER TRADE ASSOCIATION. ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME FROM ANY COMPANY OR ITS AFFILIATE MAY SERVE ON THE COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT MAY SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. 4. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, NOR SHALL COUNCIL MEMBERS BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THEIR SERVICE, EXCEPT THAT PUBLIC MEMBERS, UPON REQUEST, MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL MEETINGS. 5. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF THREE YEARS AND MAY NOT SERVE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE TERMS. MEMBERS FILLING UNEXPIRED TERMS MORE MAY SERVE NOT MORE THAN A TOTAL OF SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. FORMER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MEMBERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL SHALL BE FOR TERMS OF ONE, TWO, AND THREE YEARS STAGGERED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF FOUR MEMBERS EACH YEAR. THE COUNCIL SHALL NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PROPANE-RELATED AFFIL-IATION, IF ANY, OF A COUNCIL MEMBER WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND ENTER INTO 6. CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND TRAINING, WHICH MAY

44 INCLUDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE-AA OF 45 THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW, TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF 46 47 CLEAN AND EFFICIENT PROPANE UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT, TO INFORM AND EDUCATE 48 THE PUBLIC ABOUT SAFETY AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF 49 PROPANE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF WITH FUNDS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COUNCIL SHALL COORDINATE ITS 50 ACTIVITIES WITH INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY 51 COLLEGE, OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE 52 53 EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF 54 ACTIVITIES.

1 7. ISSUES RELATED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND 2 TRAINING SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THE COUNCIL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF 3 ITS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

4 8. THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND 5 OTHER OFFICERS AS NECESSARY, MAY ESTABLISH COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES 6 THE COUNCIL, AND SHALL ADOPT RULES AND BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF OF 7 BUSINESS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE. THE COUNCIL SHALL 8 ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE SOLICITATION OF INDUSTRY COMMENT AND RECOM-MENDATIONS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED 9 10 BY THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF PERSONS 11 OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEMBERS.

9. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL PERIOD, THE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE A
BUDGET PLAN FOR THE NEXT FISCAL PERIOD, INCLUDING THE PROBABLE COST OF
ALL PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND CONTRACTS AND A RECOMMENDED RATE OF ASSESSMENT SUFFICIENT TO COVER SUCH COSTS. THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT THE
PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE PRESIDENT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. THE PRESIDENT
MAY RECOMMEND PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

THE COUNCIL SHALL KEEP MINUTES, BOOKS, AND RECORDS THAT CLEARLY 18 10. 19 REFLECT ALL OF THE ACTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND MAKE PUBLIC SUCH INFORMATION. THE BOOKS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE AUDITED BY A CERTI-20 FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AT LEAST ONCE EACH FISCAL YEAR AND AT SUCH OTHER 21 THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE. THE EXPENSE OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE 22 TIMES AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNCIL. COPIES OF SUCH AUDIT SHALL BE 23 PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, ALL QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZA-24 25 TIONS, AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY UPON REQUEST.

26 S 14-105. ASSESSMENTS. 1. THE COUNCIL SHALL SET THE ASSESSMENT AT NO 27 GREATER THAN ONE-TENTH OF ONE CENT PER GALLON OF ODORIZED PROPANE.

2. THE OWNER OF ODORIZED PROPANE AT THE TIME OF ODORIZATION, 28 OR THE IMPORT OF ODORIZED PROPANE SHALL MAKE THE ASSESSMENT BASED ON 29 TIME OF THE VOLUME OF ODORIZED PROPANE SOLD. THE ASSESSMENT, WHEN MADE, SHALL BE 30 LISTED AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM ON THE BILL LABELED "NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT". ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED FROM PURCHASERS 31 32 OF PROPANE ARE PAYABLE TO THE COUNCIL ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY THE 33 TWENTY-FIFTH OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH OF COLLECTION. 34

35 IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE TO THE COUNCIL BY THE DUE DATE UNDER THIS 36 SUBDIVISION, AN INTEREST PENALTY OF ONE PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNT UNPAID 37 SHALL BE ADDED FOR EACH MONTH OR FRACTION OF A MONTH AFTER THE DUE DATE, 38 UNTIL FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE.

39 3. THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COLLECTING THE 40 ASSESSMENT IF ANOTHER MEANS IS FOUND TO BE MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE. 41 THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH A LATE PAYMENT CHARGE AND RATE OF INTEREST TO 42 BE IMPOSED ON ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO REMIT OR PAY TO THE COUNCIL ANY 43 AMOUNT DUE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

44 4. PENDING DISBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO A PROGRAM, PLAN, OR PROJECT, THE COUNCIL SHALL INVEST FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH ASSESSMENTS, AND ANY OTHER 45 FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL, ONLY IN OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES 46 ANY AGENCY THEREOF, IN GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL 47 OR SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IN ANY INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT OR CERTIFICATE 48 OF 49 DEPOSIT OF A BANK THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, OR IN 50 OBLIGATIONS FULLY GUARANTEED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BY THE UNITED 51 STATES.

52 S 14-106. COMPLIANCE. THE SUPREME COURT IS VESTED WITH THE JURISDIC-53 TION SPECIFICALLY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND PREVENT 54 OR RESTRAIN ANY PERSON FROM VIOLATING ANY SUCH PROVISION. A SUCCESSFUL 55 ACTION FOR COMPLIANCE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY ALSO REQUIRE PAYMENT BY THE 56 DEFENDANT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNCIL IN BRINGING THE ACTION.

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SERVICE.

14-107. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS. NO FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE COUNCIL 1 S 2 SHALL BE USED IN ANY MANNER FOR INFLUENCING LEGISLATION OR ELECTIONS, 3 EXCEPT THAT THE COUNCIL MAY RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT CHANGES IN THIS 4 ARTICLE OR OTHER STATUTES THAT WOULD FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTI-5 CLE. 6 14-108. PRICING. IN ALL CASES, THE PRICE OF PROPANE SHALL BE DETER-S 7 MINED BY MARKET FORCES. CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTITRUST LAWS, THE COUNCIL 8 MAY TAKE NO ACTION, NOR MAY ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE BE INTERPRETED ESTABLISHING AN AGREEMENT TO PASS ALONG TO CONSUMERS THE COST OF THE 9 AS 10 ASSESSMENT PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 14-105 OF THIS ARTICLE. S 14-109. RELATION TO OTHER PROGRAMS. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 11 MAY ΒE CONSTRUED TO PREEMPT OR SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER PROGRAM RELATING TO PROPANE 12 13 EDUCATION AND SAFETY ORGANIZED AND OPERATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE 14 OF NEW YORK. 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 391-15 S 16 aa to read as follows: 17 S 391-AA. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS; CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. 1. ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, NO LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM 18 19 GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON SHALL INSTALL, INSPECT OR SERVICE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE OR HOLD HIMSELF, 20 21 HERSELF OR ITSELF OUT TO BE QUALIFIED OR ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO INSTALL, 22 INSPECT OR SERVICE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE WITHOUT FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF A 23 24 PROPANE SAFETY AND TRAINING PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE PROPANE EDUCATION AND 25 RESEARCH COUNCIL'S CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM, AS AMENDED FROM 26 TIME TO TIME: A. BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF PROPANE (ALSO KNOWN AS BOOK 1.0); 27 28 B. DESIGNING AND INSTALLING EXTERIOR VAPOR DISTRIBUTIONS SYSTEMS (ALSO 29 KNOWN AS BOOK 4.1); PLACING VAPOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES INTO OPERATION 30 С. 31 (ALSO KNOWN AS BOOK 4.2); 32 D. INSTALLING APPLIANCES AND INTERIOR VAPOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (ALSO 33 KNOWN AS BOOK 4.3); AND

34 E. DESIGNING AND INSTALLING DISPENSER TRANSFER SYSTEMS (ALSO KNOWN AS 35 BOOK 5.1);

36 SUCH TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A QUALIFIED PROPANE INDUSTRY ORGAN-37 IZATION.

38 2. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, EVERY 39 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON HIRED TO INSTALL, 40 INSPECT, OR SERVICE A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM SHALL POST ON HIS, HER, OR ITS WEBSITE, IF SUCH A WEBSITE IS MAINTAINED, AN INDICATION OF 41 WHETHER THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE 42 43 INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE PERFORMING SUCH WORK. PRIOR TO COMMENCING THE 44 INSTALLATION, INSPECTION OR SERVICE OF A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM, 45 A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON HIRED TO PERFORM SUCH WORK SHALL PROVIDE THE CUSTOMER OR PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER, UPON 46 47 REQUEST, A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL PERFORM SUCH WORK HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. 48 49 3. IN THE EVENT THAT A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER 50 PERSON HIRED TO INSTALL, INSPECT OR SERVICE A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM PERFORMS SUCH WORK WITHOUT HAVING FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 51 THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, SUCH LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS 52 MARKETER OR SUCH OTHER PERSON SHALL BE CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY PROPERTY 53 54 DAMAGE, INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY SUCH INSTALLATION, INSPECTION OR

4. IT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE A DECEPTIVE TRADE ACT AND PRACTICE AND UNLAWFUL FOR ANY LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO HOLD HIMSELF, HERSELF OR ITSELF OUT TO BE QUALIFIED OR ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO INSTALL, INSPECT OR SERVICE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE WITHOUT FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

5. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALTER OR SUPERSEDE
ANY REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES SET FORTH IN
THE FIRE CODE OF NEW YORK STATE OR THE FUEL GAS CODE OF NEW YORK STATE.
6. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE
FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

12 A. "PERSON" SHALL MEAN ANY NATURAL PERSON, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PART-13 NERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TRUST, INCORPORATED OR 14 UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL ENTITY.

15 B. "LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS" SHALL MEAN LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS 16 SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO-E OF THE AGRICUL-17 TURE AND MARKETS LAW.

18 C. "LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN ANY SYSTEM, EQUIPMENT, 19 OR COMPONENT, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY, THAT UTILIZES LIQUEFIED 20 PETROLEUM GAS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A STORAGE CONTAINER, STORAGE 21 CYLINDER, END POINT OR POINTS OF COMBUSTION, APPLIANCES AND ALL ATTACH-22 MENTS UTILIZING OR TRANSPORTING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

D. "LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER" SHALL MEAN ANY NATURAL PERSON,
 SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPA NY, TRUST, INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, OR ANY OTHER
 LEGAL ENTITY ENGAGED DIRECTLY IN THE RETAIL SALE OR RETAIL TRANSPORT OF
 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

28 "QUALIFIED PROPANE INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION" SHALL MEAN THE NEW YORK Ε. 29 PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, A SUCCES-SOR ORGANIZATION OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS, OR ANY OTHER PROPANE 30 INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW YORK STATE THAT IS 31 32 DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING PROPANE, PROPANE 33 EQUIPMENT, MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL PRACTICES, AND PROPANE USES TO CONSUMERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PROPANE INDUSTRY. 34

35 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.