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- Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommuni-cations
- 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:

Section 1. The energy law is amended by adding a new article 14 to read as follows:
ARTICLE 14
NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY ACT
SECTION 14-101. SHORT TITLE.
14-102. DEFINITIONS.
14-103. REFERENDUM; CREATION AND TERMINATION OF A PROGRAM.
14-104. NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL.
14-105. ASSESSMENTS.
14-106. COMPLIANCE.
14-107. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS.
14-108. PRICING.
14-109. RELATION TO OTHER PROGRAMS.
S 14-101. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS
THE NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY ACT.
S 14-102. DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
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CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
1. "COUNCIL" MEANS A NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL
CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-104 OF THIS ARTICLE;
2. "PRESIDENT" MEANS THE CHAIRMAN OF NYSERDA OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;
EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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4 4. "INDUSTRY" MEANS THOSE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, TRANS-5 PORTATION, AND SALE OF PROPANE, AND THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF 6 PROPANE UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT;

5. "INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM TAX, 8 UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OR 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 9 1986, REPRESENTING THE PROPANE INDUSTRY;

10 6. "NYSERDA" MEANS THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT 11 AUTHORITY;

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7. "ODORIZED PROPANE" MEANS PROPANE WHICH HAS AN ODORANT ADDED TO IT;

13 8. "PRODUCER" MEANS THE OWNER OF PROPANE AT THE TIME IT IS RECOVERED 14 AT A GAS PROCESSING PLANT OR REFINERY; IRRESPECTIVE OF THE STATE WHERE 15 PRODUCTION OCCURS;

16 9. "PROPANE" MEANS A HYDROCARBON WHOSE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IS PREDO-17 MINATELY C3H8, WHETHER RECOVERED FROM NATURAL GAS OR CRUDE OIL, AND 18 INCLUDES LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GASES AND MIXTURES THEREOF;

19 10. "PUBLIC MEMBER" MEANS A DESIGNEE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK 20 STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;

11. "QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION" MEANS THE NEW YORK PROPANE GAS
ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, A SUCCESSOR ASSOCIATION OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS, OR ANY OTHER PROPANE INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION;
12. "RESEARCH" MEANS ANY TYPE OF STUDY, INVESTIGATION OR OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE IMAGE, DESIRABILITY, USAGE, MARKETABILITY,
EFFICIENCY, AND SAFETY OF PROPANE AND TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH
INFORMATION;

28 13. "RETAIL MARKETER" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN THE SALE OF 29 ODORIZED PROPANE TO THE ULTIMATE CONSUMER OR TO RETAIL PROPANE DISPEN-30 SERS; AND

31 14. "RETAIL PROPANE DISPENSER" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS ODORIZED 32 PROPANE TO THE ULTIMATE CONSUMER BUT IS NOT ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN THE 33 BUSINESS OF SUCH SALES.

S 14-103. REFERENDUM; CREATION AND TERMINATION OF A PROGRAM. 1. OUAL-34 IFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS SHALL CONDUCT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, A 35 REFERENDUM AMONG PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS FOR THE CREATION OF A 36 37 NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL, IF ESTAB-38 LISHED, SHALL REIMBURSE THE QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE COST OF THE REFERENDUM ACCOUNTING AND DOCUMENTATION. THE REFERENDUM 39 40 SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM AGREED TO BY THE QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS. THE RESULTS, AS CERTIFIED BY AN INDE-41 PENDENT AUDITING FIRM, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT WITHIN THIRTY 42 43 DAYS OF CERTIFICATION. VOTING RIGHTS IN THE REFERENDUM SHALL BE BASED ON THE VOLUME OF PROPANE PRODUCED OR ODORIZED PROPANE SOLD IN THE 44 PREVIOUS 45 CALENDAR YEAR. UPON APPROVAL OF THOSE PERSONS REPRESENTING TWO-THIRDS OF TOTAL VALUE OF PROPANE VOTED IN THE RETAIL MARKETER CLASS AND 46 THE 47 TWO-THIRDS OF ALL PROPANE VOTED IN THE PRODUCER CLASS, THE COUNCIL SHALL 48 BE ESTABLISHED, AND SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT ON ODOR-49 IZED PROPANE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14-105 OF THIS ARTICLE. ALL 50 PERSONS VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM SHALL CERTIFY TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT-51 ING FIRM THE VOLUME OF PROPANE REPRESENTED BY THEIR VOTE.

52 2. ON THE COUNCIL'S OWN INITIATIVE, OR ON PETITION TO THE COUNCIL BY 53 PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS REPRESENTING THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE 54 VOLUME OF PROPANE IN EACH CLASS, THE COUNCIL SHALL, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, 55 HOLD A REFERENDUM TO BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM 56 SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDUSTRY FAVORS TERMI- 15

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NATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE COUNCIL. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION SHALL NOT 1 TAKE EFFECT UNLESS IT IS APPROVED BY PERSONS REPRESENTING MORE THAN 2 3 ONE-HALF OF THE TOTAL VOLUME OF ODORIZED PROPANE IN THE RETAIL MARKETER 4 CLASS AND MORE THAN ONE-HALF THE TOTAL VOLUME OF PROPANE IN THE PRODUCER 5 CLASS.

6 S 14-104. NEW YORK PROPANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY COUNCIL. 1. THE QUALI-7 FIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS SHALL SELECT ALL RETAIL MARKETERS MEMBERS 8 AND PRODUCER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT SHALL DESIGNATE ONE PUBLIC MEMBER. VACANCIES IN THE UNFINISHED TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS 9 10 SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS WERE THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

2. IN SELECTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGAN-11 IZATIONS SHALL GIVE DUE REGARD TO SELECTING A COUNCIL THAT IS REPRESEN-12 13 TATIVE OF THE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION OF: 14

(A) GAS PROCESSORS AND OIL REFINERS AMONG PRODUCERS;

(B) INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE OPERATORS AMONG RETAIL MARKETERS;

16 (C) LARGE AND SMALL COMPANIES AMONG PRODUCERS AND RETAIL MARKETERS, 17 INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES; AND

(D) DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE.

19 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 20 21 RETAIL MARKETERS AND PRODUCERS, AND ONE PUBLIC MEMBER. OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC MEMBER, COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OR OWNERS OF 22 BUSINESSES IN THE INDUSTRY OR REPRESENTATIVES OF AGRICULTURAL COOPER-23 24 ATIVES. NO EMPLOYEE OF A QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION SHALL SERVE AS 25 A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, AND NO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY SERVE CONCUR-AN OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A QUALIFIED INDUSTRY 26 RENTLY AS 27 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 28 SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. 29

4. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, 30 NOR SHALL COUNCIL MEMBERS BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THEIR 31 32 SERVICE, EXCEPT THAT PUBLIC MEMBERS, UPON REQUEST, MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR 33 REASONABLE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL 34 MEETINGS.

35 5. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF THREE YEARS AND MAY NOT SERVE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE TERMS. MEMBERS FILLING UNEXPIRED TERMS 36 MORE 37 MAY SERVE NOT MORE THAN A TOTAL OF SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. FORMER 38 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL IF THEY HAVE NOT 39 BEEN MEMBERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE 40 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 41 NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PROPANE-RELATED AFFIL-42 43 IATION, IF ANY, OF A COUNCIL MEMBER WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL. 44

45 THE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND ENTER INTO 6. CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE, 46 INCLUDING 47 PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND TRAINING, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE-AA OF 48 49 THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW, TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CLEAN AND EFFICIENT PROPANE UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT, TO INFORM AND EDUCATE 50 THE PUBLIC ABOUT SAFETY AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF 51 PROPANE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF WITH FUNDS 52 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COUNCIL SHALL COORDINATE ITS 53 54 ACTIVITIES WITH INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY 55 COLLEGE, OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE

1 2	EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES.
3 4	7. ISSUES RELATED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THE COUNCIL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
5	ITS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.
6 7	8. THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS AS NECESSARY, MAY ESTABLISH COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES
8	OF THE COUNCIL, AND SHALL ADOPT RULES AND BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF
9	BUSINESS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE. THE COUNCIL SHALL
10	ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE SOLICITATION OF INDUSTRY COMMENT AND RECOM-
11	MENDATIONS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED
12	BY THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF PERSONS
13	OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEMBERS.
14	9. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL PERIOD, THE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE A
15	BUDGET PLAN FOR THE NEXT FISCAL PERIOD, INCLUDING THE PROBABLE COST OF
16	ALL PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND CONTRACTS AND A RECOMMENDED RATE OF ASSESS-
17	MENT SUFFICIENT TO COVER SUCH COSTS. THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT THE
18	PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE PRESIDENT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. THE PRESIDENT
19	MAY RECOMMEND PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.
20	10. THE COUNCIL SHALL KEEP MINUTES, BOOKS, AND RECORDS THAT CLEARLY
21 22	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-
22 23	FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AT LEAST ONCE EACH FISCAL YEAR AND AT SUCH OTHER
24	TIMES AS THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE. THE EXPENSE OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE
25	THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNCIL. COPIES OF SUCH AUDIT SHALL BE
26	PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, ALL QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZA-
27	TIONS, AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY UPON REQUEST.
28	S 14-105. ASSESSMENTS. 1. THE COUNCIL SHALL SET THE ASSESSMENT AT NO
29	GREATER THAN ONE-TENTH OF ONE CENT PER GALLON OF ODORIZED PROPANE.
30	2. THE OWNER OF ODORIZED PROPANE AT THE TIME OF ODORIZATION, OR THE
31	TIME OF IMPORT OF ODORIZED PROPANE SHALL MAKE THE ASSESSMENT BASED ON
32	THE VOLUME OF ODORIZED PROPANE SOLD. THE ASSESSMENT, WHEN MADE, SHALL BE
33	LISTED AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM ON THE BILL LABELED "NEW YORK PROPANE
34	EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT". ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED FROM PURCHASERS
35 36	OF PROPANE ARE PAYABLE TO THE COUNCIL ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY THE TWENTY- FIFTH OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH OF COLLECTION.
37	IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE TO THE COUNCIL BY THE DUE DATE UNDER THIS
38	SUBDIVISION, AN INTEREST PENALTY OF ONE PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNT UNPAID
39	SHALL BE ADDED FOR EACH MONTH OR FRACTION OF A MONTH AFTER THE DUE DATE,
40	UNTIL FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE.
41	3. THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COLLECTING THE
42	ASSESSMENT IF ANOTHER MEANS IS FOUND TO BE MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE.
43	THE COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH A LATE PAYMENT CHARGE AND RATE OF INTEREST TO
44	BE IMPOSED ON ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO REMIT OR PAY TO THE COUNCIL ANY
45	AMOUNT DUE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.
46	4. PENDING DISBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO A PROGRAM, PLAN, OR PROJECT, THE
47	COUNCIL SHALL INVEST FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH ASSESSMENTS, AND ANY OTHER
48	FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL, ONLY IN OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
49 50	OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, IN GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL
50 51	SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IN ANY INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT OR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT OF A BANK THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, OR IN
51 52	OBLIGATIONS FULLY GUARANTEED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BY THE UNITED
53	STATES.
54	S 14-106. COMPLIANCE. THE SUPREME COURT IS VESTED WITH THE JURISDIC-
55 56	TION SPECIFICALLY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND PREVENT OR RESTRAIN ANY PERSON FROM VIOLATING ANY SUCH PROVISION. A SUCCESSFUL

ACTION FOR COMPLIANCE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY ALSO REOUIRE PAYMENT BY THE 1 2 DEFENDANT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNCIL IN BRINGING THE ACTION. 3 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS. NO FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE COUNCIL S 14-107. 4 SHALL BE USED IN ANY MANNER FOR INFLUENCING LEGISLATION OR ELECTIONS, 5 EXCEPT THAT THE COUNCIL MAY RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT CHANGES IN THIS 6 ARTICLE OR OTHER STATUTES THAT WOULD FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTI-7 CLE. 8 14-108. PRICING. IN ALL CASES, THE PRICE OF PROPANE SHALL BE DETER-S 9 MINED BY MARKET FORCES. CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTITRUST LAWS, THE COUNCIL 10 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 11 AS 12 ASSESSMENT PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 14-105 OF THIS ARTICLE. S 14-109. RELATION TO OTHER PROGRAMS. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 13 MAY BE 14 CONSTRUED TO PREEMPT OR SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER PROGRAM RELATING TO PROPANE 15 EDUCATION AND SAFETY ORGANIZED AND OPERATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE 16 OF NEW YORK. 17 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 391-S 18 aa to read as follows: S 391-AA. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS; CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. 19 1. ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, NO LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS 20 MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON SHALL INSTALL, INSPECT OR SERVICE LIQUEFIED 21 22 PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE OR HOLD HIMSELF, HERSELF OR ITSELF OUT TO BE QUALIFIED OR ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO INSTALL, INSPECT 23 OR SERVICE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE WITHOUT FIRST 24 25 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF A PROPANE SAFETY AND 26 TRAINING PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COUNCIL'S CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME: 27 A. BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF PROPANE (ALSO KNOWN AS BOOK 1.0); 28 29 B. DESIGNING AND INSTALLING EXTERIOR VAPOR DISTRIBUTIONS SYSTEMS (ALSO 30 KNOWN AS BOOK 4.1); C. PLACING VAPOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES 31 INTO OPERATION 32 (ALSO KNOWN AS BOOK 4.2); 33 D. INSTALLING APPLIANCES AND INTERIOR VAPOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (ALSO 34 KNOWN AS BOOK 4.3); AND 35 E. DESIGNING AND INSTALLING DISPENSER TRANSFER SYSTEMS (ALSO KNOWN AS 36 BOOK 5.1); 37 SUCH TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A QUALIFIED PROPANE INDUSTRY ORGAN-38 IZATION. 39 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, EVERY 2. 40 LIOUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON HIRED TO INSTALL, 41 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 42 43 WHETHER THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE 44 INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE PERFORMING SUCH WORK. PRIOR TO COMMENCING THE 45 INSTALLATION, INSPECTION OR SERVICE OF A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM, A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER PERSON HIRED TO PERFORM 46 SUCH WORK SHALL PROVIDE THE CUSTOMER OR PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER, 47 UPON 48 REQUEST, A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL PERFORM SUCH 49 WORK HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. 50 3. IN THE EVENT THAT A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETER OR ANY OTHER 51 TO INSTALL, INSPECT OR SERVICE A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS PERSON HIRED SYSTEM PERFORMS SUCH WORK WITHOUT HAVING FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 52 TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, SUCH LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS 53 THE54 MARKETER OR SUCH OTHER PERSON SHALL BE CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY PROPERTY 55 DAMAGE, INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY SUCH INSTALLATION, INSPECTION OR 56 SERVICE.

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 COMPANY, 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.