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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to fees related to liquified petroleum

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 192-e of the agriculture and markets law is amended
2 by adding five new subdivisions 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 to read as
3 follows:

4 10. A seller shall not misrepresent the nature of any fee, nor collect
5 from a consumer:

6 (a) a special usage fee that is greater than a nominal value. For the
7 purposes of this section, "special usage fee" shall mean a fee charged
8 to a consumer for using less than the minimum amount of liquified petro-
9 leum gas as established by the seller. No special usage fee shall be
10 charged except for when: (i) the consumer's usage of liquified petroleum
11 gas is low enough that the seller would otherwise be unable to make a
12 reasonable return on investment for providing liquified petroleum gas
13 service to that consumer; (ii) the special usage fee shall be disclosed
14 in the contract between the seller and the consumer; and (iii) a
15 description of the fee shall be provided on the consumer's bill pursuant
16 to subdivision twelve of this section;

17 (b) a fee for liquified petroleum gas that is not actually delivered
18 to a consumer;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (c) a fee that is not disclosed in the contract between the seller and
2 the consumer related to termination of liquified petroleum gas service
3 at the agreed upon end of contract between the seller and the consumer
4 that is greater than the cost of labor associated with the termination
5 of service, including a fee that is greater than the cost of labor to:

6 (i) remove the seller's liquified petroleum gas tank from the prem-
7 ises;

8 (ii) pump out or restock liquified petroleum gas; or

9 (iii) terminate service;

10 (d) a fee related to termination of liquified petroleum gas service
11 prior to the agreed upon end of a contract between the seller and the
12 consumer, that is more than the greater of (i) a nominal value, or (ii)
13 the cost of labor;

14 (e) a tank rental fee for any period of time after the service has
15 been disconnected by the seller or the consumer has notified the seller
16 that the seller's equipment is no longer connected;

17 (f) any amounts for the repair of equipment or for any special trip
18 related to the repair of equipment if the equipment owned by a seller
19 malfunctions through no fault of a consumer or other person authorized
20 to be on the premises;

21 (g) a delivery fee if the seller fails to make a delivery through no
22 fault of the consumer and the consumer runs out of liquified petroleum
23 gas as a result; or

24 (h) a fee, the basis of which is not compliant with any applicable
25 statute or rule.

26 11. A seller shall provide a rebate to a consumer equal to the price
27 paid by that consumer for liquified petroleum gas that is removed from a
28 liquified petroleum gas tank by the seller and resold.

29 12. A seller of liquified petroleum gas shall provide on each bill a
30 description of the nature and purpose of each fee that is being charged.

31 13. The fiscal impact of being compliant with any governmental, regu-
32 latory, or environmental requirement shall not be borne by liquified
33 petroleum gas consumers and shall not be added to bills rendered by a
34 company selling liquified petroleum gas; provided, however, that this
35 subdivision shall not limit the per-gallon price charged by sellers or
36 prohibit collection of any tax allowable under state law.

37 14. The attorney general shall have jurisdiction to enforce the
38 provisions of this section in accordance with the powers granted to the
39 attorney general by section sixty-three of the executive law.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
41 have become a law and shall apply to all contracts entered into,
42 renewed, modified, or amended on or after such date. Effective imme-
43 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
44 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
45 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.