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Senate, No. 2064 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the performance of propane services and
2 amending P.L.2007, c.150.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.2007, c.150 (C.52:27D-511) is amended to
8 read as follows:

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13 each customer a description of the terms of their plans or contracts
14 for the sale of propane and propane services in a plain and
15 conspicuous manner and providing for certification of persons as
16 qualified to engage in the sale of propane and to perform propane
17 services pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

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19 shall contain the following information:

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21 propane and propane services that are disclosed in a format
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32 purchase of propane and propane services;

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34 propane services may vary depending on non-scheduled or irregular
35 deliveries of propane, or the provision of propane services on
36 weekends, nights, holidays or at other times outside of the normal
37 weekday hours, the criteria for determining what constitutes a non-
38 scheduled or irregular delivery, or outside of normal weekday
39 hours, and the cost of non-scheduled or irregular delivery if propane
40 is provided outside of regular delivery, or if propane services are
41 provided outside of normal weekday hours;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SCM committee amendments adopted December 6, 2010.

1 (4) The amount of any additional charges that may be charged
2 by that supplier or marketer to install a container or any other
3 related equipment that may be needed to store and utilize propane,
4 the amount of any container rental fees that may be charged by that
5 supplier or marketer, notice of the customer's right to use the
6 customer's own container and regulator provided that the container
7 and regulator have been verified by the supplier or marketer to meet
8 current safety and licensing standards, and the cost charged by the
9 supplier or marketer to verify whether the customer's container and
10 regulator meet current standards and regulations;

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12 pricing structure for propane or propane services, including such
13 criteria as annual usage, the area where the customer lives, the
14 quantity or time of the delivery or other factors;

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16 marketer at least seven business days before the propane supplier or
17 marketer may discontinue further propane deliveries due to
18 nonpayment;

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20 that the propane supplier or marketer is licensed by the New Jersey
21 Department of Community Affairs;

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23 marketers, consistent with the terms of the customer's plan or
24 contract, if the customer is dissatisfied with price or services or for
25 any other reason;

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27 of propane or if the deliveries are automatic, how often the
28 automatic delivery will be made, whether the deliveries will be
29 made on weekends and holidays and, if so, whether there are
30 additional charges to make deliveries on weekends and holidays,
31 and if the customer is to receive automatic delivery, whether the
32 customer should inform the supplier or marketer of any changes in
33 the customer's circumstances that might change the rate at which
34 the customer uses propane;

35 (10) Notice of whether there is any minimal amount of propane
36 per delivery, how many days a customer has to pay a bill after the
37 delivery of propane is made or propane services are provided, as the
38 case may be, and how many days before late fees are charged to a
39 customer and what the supplier's or marketer's policy is for the
40 delivery of propane or the provision of propane services, if needed,
41 during the winter when a customer may have outstanding debt;

42 (11) Notice of the provisions contained within subsection c. of
43 this section;

44 (12) If desired by the supplier or marketer, a statement that
45 nothing in this description is a waiver or amendment of the contract
46 or plan between the supplier or marketer and the customer, but is
47 merely a summary of the department's regulations for the
48 convenience of the customer; and

1 (13) Any other information that the department considers
2 appropriate to ensure that customers of propane suppliers or
3 marketers are fully informed of the terms of their plans or contracts.

4 c. To ensure the safety of this State's propane customers, any
5 customer who desires to cause propane services to be performed
6 should ensure that any such propane services are performed only by
7 persons certified by the department pursuant to the regulations to be
8 adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection or by¹: (1)¹ a
9 licensed master plumber¹,¹ or journeyman plumber working under
10 the supervision of a master plumber¹,¹ who has had appropriate
11 training in the performance of propane services as required by the
12 State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers¹; or (2) a licensed
13 master HVACR contractor, or HVACR journeyman working
14 under the supervision of a master HVACR contractor, who has had
15 appropriate training in the performance of propane services as
16 required by the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating,
17 Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors¹.

18 (1) The department, in consultation with and upon the advice
19 and recommendation of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and
20 Safety Board, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the
21 certification and competency testing of all persons engaged in the
22 sale of propane and performing propane services, other than the
23 performing of propane services by a master plumber or a
24 journeyman plumber working under the supervision of a master
25 plumber¹ or master HVACR contractor or HVACR journeyman
26 working under the supervision of a master HVACR contractor¹, and
27 for the dissemination to the public of information regarding the
28 current certification, or the lack thereof, of persons offering to
29 perform propane services in this State.

30 (2) 'Within 180 days of the effective date of
31 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill),
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33 with and upon the advice and recommendation of the Liquefied
34 Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules
35 and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all
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39 the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air
40 Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, in consultation with
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42 Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules
43 and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all
44 licensed master HVACR contractors engaged in performing
45 propane services.

46 (4)¹ All persons who are certified by the department ¹, a master
47 HVACR contractor or HVACR journeyman working under the

1 supervision of a master HVACR contractor,¹ or a master plumber or
2 a journeyman plumber working under the supervision of a master
3 plumber shall be legally responsible for the propane services they
4 perform.

5 d. Propane gas suppliers or marketers shall provide the
6 information required by subsection b. of this section to a customer
7 prior to entering into any contract with a customer for the delivery
8 of propane or propane services, upon renewal of an existing
9 contract and in response to a request from a customer.

10 e. The department shall adopt rules and regulations directing
11 propane suppliers and marketers to publish the information required
12 by subsection b. of this section in a format that is clear, uniform and
13 designed to ensure that customers may accurately compare the true
14 cost of services among different suppliers or marketers.

15 f. The department shall also require propane suppliers and
16 marketers to meet the disclosure requirements in subsection b. of
17 this section in advertising to the extent allowed by the advertising
18 medium.

19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.150, s.3)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 _____
27 Allows certain plumbers and Heating, Ventilating, Air
28 Conditioning and Refrigeration contractors to perform propane
services.

SENATE, No. 2064

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 21, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator DONALD NORCROSS

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Allows master plumber and supervised journeyman plumber to perform propane services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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17 plumber, and for the dissemination to the public of information
18 regarding the current certification, or the lack thereof, of persons
19 offering to perform propane services in this State.

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22 a master plumber shall be legally responsible for the propane
23 services they perform.

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STATEMENT

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45 Under the "Propane Gas Customer Protection Act" (C.52:27D-
46 509 et seq.), customers who desire propane services are provided
47 notification to ensure that those propane services are performed
48 only by persons certified by the Department of Community Affairs.

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1 The act defines “propane services” as the performing of safety and
2 leak testing of, and the performing of installation, maintenance,
3 repair, removal, adjustment and other services to, propane
4 appliances including, without limitation, ranges, water heaters,
5 heaters, furnaces, containers and other propane fueled systems, for
6 residential and commercial applications.

7 This bill provides that, in addition to persons certified by the
8 Department of Community Affairs, a master plumber or a
9 journeyman plumber working under the supervision of a master
10 plumber may perform propane services, provided that the master
11 plumber or journeyman plumber has received training in the
12 performance of propane services, as determined by the State Board
13 of Examiners of Master Plumbers.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2064

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably, and with committee amendments, Senate Bill No. 2064.

Under the “Propane Gas Customer Protection Act” P.L.2007, c.150 (C.52:27D-509 et seq.), customers who desire propane services are provided notification to ensure that those propane services are performed only by persons certified by the Department of Community Affairs. The act defines “propane services” as the performing of safety and leak testing of, and the performing of installation, maintenance, repair, removal, adjustment and other services to, propane appliances including, without limitation, ranges, water heaters, heaters, furnaces, containers and other propane fueled systems, for residential and commercial applications.

This bill, with committee amendments, provides that, in addition to persons certified by the Department of Community Affairs, a master plumber, a journeyman plumber working under the supervision of a master plumber, a licensed master HVACR contractor, or HVACR journeyman working under the supervision of a master HVACR contractor may perform propane services, provided that the master plumber or master HVACR contractor has received training in the performance of propane services, as determined by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers or the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, respectively.

The committee amendments also add a requirement that, within 180 days from the effective date of the bill, the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, in consultation with and upon the advice and recommendation of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all licensed master plumbers and master HVACR contractors engaged in performing propane services.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2064

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2064 (1R).

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The bill also stipulates that, within 180 days from the effective date of the bill, the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, in consultation with and upon the advice and recommendation of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all licensed master plumbers and master HVACR contractors engaged in performing propane services.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3611, which was also reported by the committee today.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3611

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 13, 2010

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman MATTHEW W. MILAM

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Allows certain plumbers and Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration contractors to perform propane services.

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47 plumber shall be legally responsible for the propane services they
48 perform.

1 d. Propane gas suppliers or marketers shall provide the
2 information required by subsection b. of this section to a customer
3 prior to entering into any contract with a customer for the delivery
4 of propane or propane services, upon renewal of an existing
5 contract and in response to a request from a customer.

6 e. The department shall adopt rules and regulations directing
7 propane suppliers and marketers to publish the information required
8 by subsection b. of this section in a format that is clear, uniform and
9 designed to ensure that customers may accurately compare the true
10 cost of services among different suppliers or marketers.

11 f. The department shall also require propane suppliers and
12 marketers to meet the disclosure requirements in subsection b. of
13 this section in advertising to the extent allowed by the advertising
14 medium.

15 (cf: P.L.2007, c.150, s.3)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 Under the “Propane Gas Customer Protection Act” P.L.2007,
23 c.150 (C.52:27D-509 et seq.), customers who desire propane
24 services are provided notification to ensure that those propane
25 services are performed only by persons certified by the Department
26 of Community Affairs. The act defines “propane services” as the
27 performing of safety and leak testing of, and the performing of
28 installation, maintenance, repair, removal, adjustment and other
29 services to, propane appliances including, without limitation,
30 ranges, water heaters, heaters, furnaces, containers and other
31 propane fueled systems, for residential and commercial
32 applications.

33 This bill provides that, in addition to persons certified by the
34 Department of Community Affairs, a master plumber, a journeyman
35 plumber working under the supervision of a master plumber, a
36 licensed master HVACR contractor, or HVACR journeyman
37 working under the supervision of a master HVACR contractor may
38 perform propane services, provided that the master plumber or
39 master HVACR contractor has received training in the performance
40 of propane services, as determined by the State Board of Examiners
41 of Master Plumbers or the State Board of Examiners of Heating,
42 Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors,
43 respectively.

44 The bill also stipulates that, within 180 days from the effective
45 date of the bill, the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers
46 and the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air
47 Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, in consultation with
48 and upon the advice and recommendation of the Liquefied

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- 1 Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules
- 2 and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all
- 3 licensed master plumbers and master HVACR contractors engaged
- 4 in performing propane services.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3611

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 3611.

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This bill provides that, in addition to persons certified by the Department of Community Affairs, a master plumber, a journeyman plumber working under the supervision of a master plumber, a licensed master HVACR contractor, or HVACR journeyman working under the supervision of a master HVACR contractor may perform propane services, provided that the master plumber or master HVACR contractor has received training in the performance of propane services, as determined by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers or the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, respectively.

The bill also stipulates that, within 180 days from the effective date of the bill, the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors, in consultation with and upon the advice and recommendation of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the certification and competency testing of all licensed master plumbers and master HVACR contractors engaged in performing propane services.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2064 (1R), which was also reported by the committee today.