
By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental - Public Service Commission)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission - Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

3 FOR the purpose of subjecting gas service installations serving a certain number of
4 customers through gas storage tanks to the jurisdiction of the Public Service
5 Commission if a portion of the system is located in a public place; repealing a
6 provision relating to central service to separate residential dwelling units; and
7 generally relating to the Commission and liquefied petroleum gas.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Public Utility Companies
10 Section 11-102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows

15 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

16 11-102.

17 (a) The Commission shall adopt and enforce safety standards for gas service
18 installations at locations where service is provided to:

19 (1) 10 or more customers [or 10 or more separate residential dwelling
20 units] by pipes from a [central] liquefied petroleum gas storage tank; OR

21 (2) AT LEAST 2 BUT FEWER THAN 10 CUSTOMERS, BY UNDERGROUND
22 PIPES FROM A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS STORAGE TANK, IF A PORTION OF THE
23 SYSTEM IS LOCATED IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

24 (b) (1) The owner of a facility at a location subject to subsection (a) of this
25 section or the owner of the liquefied petroleum gas furnished shall comply with the
26 safety standards of service.

1 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, other sections
2 of this article do not apply to an owner subject to this section.

3 (3) The Commission may apply Title 12, Subtitle 1 and §§ 2-117(a),
4 5-304, 7-301, 7-302, and 13-203 of this article to an owner subject to this section.

5 (c) When service begins, a person who furnishes gas service by pipes from a
6 [central] liquefied petroleum gas storage tank [to 10 or more customers or 10 or
7 more separate residential dwelling units] UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
8 shall notify the Commission in writing about:

9 (1) the location of each installation;

10 (2) the number of customers or dwelling units furnished service at each
11 location; and

12 (3) the name and address of the office responsible for the service.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
14 effect October 1, 2004.