

CHAPTER 2011-106

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 960

An act relating to liquefied petroleum gas; amending s. 527.06, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and other state agencies from requiring compliance with certain national standards for liquefied petroleum gas tanks unless the department or agencies require compliance with a specified edition of the national standards; providing for future expiration of such requirements; amending s. 527.21, F.S.; revising the term “propane” for purposes of the Florida Propane Gas Education, Safety, and Research Act, to incorporate changes to certain national standards in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 527.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

527.06 Rules.—

(3)(a) Rules in substantial conformity with the published standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) ~~are shall be~~ deemed to be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety concerning the same subject matter.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the department or other state agency may not require compliance with the minimum separation distances of NFPA 58 for separation between a liquefied petroleum gas tank and a building, adjoining property line, other liquefied petroleum gas tank, or any source of ignition, except in compliance with the minimum separation distances of the 2011 edition of NFPA 58. This paragraph expires upon the last effective date of rules adopted, directly or incorporated by reference, by the department, the Florida Building Commission as part of the Florida Building Code, and the Office of State Fire Marshal as part of the Florida Fire Prevention Code of these minimum separation distances contained in the 2011 edition of NFPA 58, promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association.

Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 527.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

527.21 Definitions relating to Florida Propane Gas Education, Safety, and Research Act.—As used in ss. 527.20-527.23, the term:

(11) “Propane” includes propane, butane, mixtures, and liquefied petroleum gas as defined by ~~the~~ National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 58, For The Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code Gases.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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