CHAPTER 911

H.B. No. 1695

An Act relating to licenses granted and to inspections and investigations conducted by the Railroad Commission of Texas that relate to the regulation of liquefied petroleum gas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 113.081, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A mobile home park operator will not be deemed to be a person engaged in business as provided in Section 113.082 of this code if such mobile home park operator obtains no possessory rights to LP-gas products, and utilizes only LP-gas licensees in the installation and maintenance of the LP-gas containers and system. For purposes of this subsection, the term "mobile home park operator" means an individual or business entity owning or operating a place, divided into sites, at which the primary business is the rental or leasing of the sites to persons for use in occupying mobile homes as dwellings. "Mobile home" has the meaning set out in the Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act (Article 5221f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

SECTION 2. Section 113.233, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 113.233. ENTRY FOR INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION. (a) An inspector, employee, or agent of the commission may enter the premises of a licensee under this chapter or any building or other premises open to the public at any reasonable time for the purpose of determining and verifying compliance with this chapter and the safety rules of the commission. This same authority shall extend to private property with the permission of the owner of such private property or an authorized agent of the owner.

(b) Any authorized representative of the LP-Gas Division may enter any buildings or premises where an accident has occurred in which LP-gas was a probable cause for purposes of investigating the cause, origin, and circumstances of such accident. The LP-Gas Division may request that any state or local authority having jurisdiction take appropriate action, to the extent permitted by law, as may be necessary for preservation of property and premises.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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