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H.B. No. 3918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to testing liquefied petroleum gas systems in certain school facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 113.352, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 113.352. DUTY TO TEST FOR LEAKAGE. (a) Each school district shall perform leakage [~~pressure~~] tests for leakage on the LP-gas piping system in each school district facility at least biennially. The tests must be performed before the beginning of the school year.

(b) The school district may perform the leakage [~~pressure~~] tests on a two-year cycle under which the tests are performed for the LP-gas piping systems of approximately one-half of the facilities each year.

(c) If a school district operates one or more school district facilities on a year-round calendar, the leakage [~~pressure~~] test in each of those facilities must be conducted and reported not later than July 1 of the year in which the test is performed.

SECTION 2. Sections 113.353(a) and (b), Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The school district shall perform the leakage [~~pressure~~] test to determine whether the LP-gas piping system holds

1 at least the amount of pressure specified by the commission  
2 [~~National Fire Protection Association 54, National Fuel Gas Code~~].

3 (b) The leakage [~~pressure~~] test must be conducted in  
4 accordance with commission rules [~~National Fire Protection~~  
5 ~~Association 54~~].

6 SECTION 3. Sections 113.354(a) and (c), Natural Resources  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) A school district shall retain documentation [~~provide~~  
9 ~~written notice to the commission~~] specifying the date and the  
10 result of each leakage [~~pressure~~] test or other inspection of each  
11 [~~the~~] LP-gas piping system until at least the fifth anniversary of  
12 the date the test or other inspection was performed.

13 (c) The commission may review a school district's  
14 documentation of each leakage test or other inspection conducted by  
15 the school district [~~shall maintain a copy of the notice provided~~  
16 ~~under Subsection (a) until at least the first anniversary of the~~  
17 ~~date the commission received the notice~~].

18 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies  
19 beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.