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S. No. 269

Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE


It is the right of every consumer to demand an accurate weighing method for the consumable goods that he buys, especially if the price of the product being sold is associated with its weight. This is so in the sale of meat, fish, rice, vegetables and many other goods.

With regard to liquid petroleum products, the quantity of the product sold is measured by the gasoline pump, the calibration of which is regulated by the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB). Liquified petroleum gas (LPG) is sold in tanks, and the net weight of the tank's contents is left wholly to the dealer to distributor to determine. The buyer has no way of ascertaining the actual weight of the LPG he is buying.

Many consumers complain that their experience with LPG gives rise to suspicions that the net contents of the LPG tanks do not necessarily conform to specifications as indicated in the tank.

This bill proposes to protect the consumer by requiring that every dealer or distributor of LPG should have a weighing scale in his store or establishment in order to enable the customer to ascertain the real weight of the LPG.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


SERGIO OSMEÑA III
Senator

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**AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL RETAILERS OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) TO
HAVE A SCALE OR WEIGHING MACHINE IN THEIR STORES OR
ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress Assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Every retailer of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is required
2 to have in his establishment or store one scale or weighing machine in order to
3 give the buying public an opportunity to check the correctness of the weight of
4 every LPG tank that they buying.

5 SEC. 2. In the event that the weight is lesser than what appears to be
6 indicated in the LPG tank, the price shall be correspondingly reduced by the
7 seller.

8 SEC. 3. Any person who shall be found guilty of violating any of the
9 provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Act shall be punished with a prison term of
10 six (6) months and one (1) day plus a fine of One thousand pesos (P1,000.00).

11 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Trade and Commerce shall within thrity (30)
12 days after approval of this Act promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
13 necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

14 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
15 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation
16 whichever comes earlier.

Approved,