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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is the right of every consumer to demand for an accurate weighing method of the consumable goods that he is buying. This is so because the price he is to pay for the product that he buys will depend on the weight of the said article.

For those who are using or buying gasoline or diesel for the use of their vehicles, the quantity of the product that they buy is measured by the gasoline pump, the calibration of which is regulated by the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB). However, products like LPG which is sold to the public in various containers of different sizes, the weight of its content is left wholly to the dealer or distributor.

The buyer has no way of determining whether the content in the LPG tank that he has received from the dealer has the correct weight and in most cases the buying public has to rely on the honesty and goodwill of the distributor or dealer. This is so because LPG dealers or distributors do not own any weighing scale.

Under these circumstances, there is a clear need of legislation that will require every dealer or distributor of LPGs to have an available weighing scale or machine in his store or establishment to give chance to every consumer that he is paying for what is the proper weight of the LPG as advertised or as stated in the outer portion of the tank.

In view thereof, we urge our colleagues to support the immediate approval of this bill.



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AN ACT  
REQUIRING ALL RETAILERS OF LIQUIFIED 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:*

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

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

**SECTION 3.** Any person who shall be found guilty of violating any of the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Act shall suffer a prison term of six (6) months and one (1) day plus a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this Act;

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,