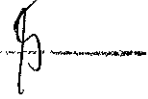


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The manufacturers/distributors of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) have designed the outlet and regulator of their respective LPG tanks in such a way that the consumers cannot use their regulators unless they buy the LPG tank from the same manufacturer. There is a need to prescribe a uniform or standard design for the outlet and regulator regardless of the brand/manufacturer of the LPG tank. By having a standard or uniform design for the outlet and regulator of the LPG tanks, the consumers will have easier access to any brand of LPG tanks, especially in times of shortage of certain brand of LPG.

This bill seeks to require the manufacturers of the LPG to provide uniform or standard outlet and regulator of LPG tanks that could be used by the consumers, regardless of the brand or manufacturer of the liquefied petroleum gas tanks.


Passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT
PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM OR STANDARD DESIGN FOR THE OUTLET
AND REGULATOR OF THE LIQUEFIED PEROLEUM (LPG) GAS TANKS AND
PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Standard Design for the Outlet and Regulator of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Tanks.* - All manufacturers, producers and distributors of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) shall adopt a standard or uniform design of the outlet and regulator of the liquefied petroleum gas tanks to promote easier access of consumers to the liquefied petroleum gas. Within a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act, manufacturers, producers, and distributors of liquefied petroleum gas shall provide a uniform or standard design of the outlet and regulator for the liquefied petroleum gas tanks. Otherwise, a uniform or standard design shall immediately thereafter be ordained by the implementing agency hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. *Implementing Agency.* - The Energy Regulatory Board shall implement the provisions of this Act. It shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to ensure the adoption of a uniform or standard design for the outlet and regulator of liquefies petroleum gas tanks.

SECTION 3. *Penal Provision.* - Any violation of this Act or the duly published rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years but not more than five (5) years. In addition, a fine of not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) shall be imposed on the manufacturer/distributor who failed to comply with the provisions of this Act. In the case of associations, partnerships or corporations, the penalty shall be imposed upon its partners, president, directors, managers and other officers responsible for the violation. If the offender is not a citizen of the Philippines, he shall be deported immediately after service of sentence.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,