

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST****ACT 422 (HB 1059)****2016 Regular Session****Davis**

Existing law provides that the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (commission) has the power to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the storage, sale, and transportation of liquefied petroleum gases over the highways of the state, the installation of tanks or systems for the use of liquefied petroleum gases, and the installation and use of liquefied petroleum gas appliances as the commission may deem necessary in the interest of public safety.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law required that the rules and regulations adopted by the commission be printed in pamphlet form.

New law requires the rules and regulations adopted by the commission be available on the commission's website.

Existing law provides that an assessment in the amount of five one-hundredths of one percent of the gross annual sales of liquefied petroleum gas is levied on each person who holds a Class I or a Class IV permit.

New law adds Class VI permit holders to the class of permit holders for which an assessment is levied by existing law.

Prior law required the commission to conduct a referendum within 90 days after Sept. 3, 1989, on whether or not the assessment in the amount of five one-hundredths of one percent of the gross annual sales of liquefied petroleum gas of each person who holds a Class I or a Class IV permit would be levied.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required the commission to conduct a new referendum within 90 days after Sept. 3, 2004, on whether or not the assessment in prior law would be levied.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that a referendum to terminate the assessment would be called by the commission upon receipt of a petition signed by more than 50% of those Class I and Class IV permit holders subject to the assessment. Provided that the referendum was to be held within 90 days of the filing of a petition with the required number of signatures. Specified that all Class I and Class IV permit holders were eligible to vote in the referendum. Specified that the assessment would be terminated only if a majority of those eligible to vote approved the termination of the assessment.

New law repeals prior law.

Existing law establishes a board to advise the commission on the expenditure of funds collected by this assessment.

New law retains existing law.

Existing law provides that each member of the advisory board shall be a holder of a Class I or Class IV permit.

New law adds each member of the advisory board shall also be a holder of a Class VI permit.

New law provides each class of permit holders for which existing law and new law levies an assessment on shall have at least two members who hold permits for their respective classes on the advisory board.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 40:1846(C) and 1851(A) and (F); Repeals R.S. 40:1851(B), (G), and (H))