

1 HOUSE BILL 322

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO OIL AND GAS; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE LPG AND CNG  
12 ACT TO DEFINE "LIQUEFIED NATURAL GASES" AND "LNG"; PROVIDING A  
13 PENALTY.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 70-5-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,  
17 Chapter 214, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "70-5-1. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the LPG and CNG Act:

19 A. "liquefied petroleum gases", "LPG" [~~and~~] or "LP  
20 gas" means any material that is composed predominantly of any  
21 of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures of them: propane,  
22 propylene, butanes (normal butane or iso-butane) and butylenes;

23 B. "compressed natural gases", [~~and~~] "CNG",  
24 "liquefied natural gases" and "LNG" means mixtures of  
25 hydrocarbon gases, [~~and~~] vapors or liquids consisting

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1 principally of methane [~~in gaseous form which~~] that has been  
2 compressed for vehicular fuel;

3 C. "product" or "products" of liquefied petroleum  
4 gases or compressed natural gases are considered to be  
5 liquefied petroleum gases or compressed natural gases,  
6 respectively;

7 D. "qualified instructor" means an employee who has  
8 passed the required examination and performed for at least one  
9 year the work being taught;

10 E. "inspector" means a person hired by the bureau  
11 to enforce under administrative direction the laws and safety  
12 rules and regulations of the LP gas industry and the use of CNG  
13 in motor vehicles;

14 F. "division" means the construction industries  
15 division of the regulation and licensing department;

16 G. "bureau" means the liquefied petroleum and  
17 compressed gas bureau of the division; and

18 H. "commission" means the construction industries  
19 commission."

20 SECTION 2. Section 70-5-21 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,  
21 Chapter 214, Section 22, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "70-5-21. MISDEMEANOR.--Any person violating any  
23 provision of the LPG and CNG Act or the rules, regulations or  
24 orders of the bureau or the commission issued pursuant to that  
25 act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished [~~by a fine~~

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1 ~~levied in a magistrate court of not less than fifty dollars~~  
2 ~~(\$50.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by~~  
3 ~~imprisonment for not more than ninety days or both]~~ pursuant to  
4 Subsection A of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978."

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