

HB 553 -- Liquefied Petroleum Gas Retailers

Sponsor: Rector

Currently, registered liquefied petroleum gas retailers are exempt from liability for actual or punitive damages for any injuries caused by the installation, modification, repair, or servicing of equipment and appliances used with liquefied petroleum gas. This bill adds to the exemption from liability persons who only sell liquefied petroleum gas in approved containers having a capacity of 50 pounds of propane or less that have been filled by another registered person.

The bill also requires that every person registered in Missouri pursuant to Chapter 323, RSMo, demonstrate financial responsibility for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by the release of liquefied petroleum gas. Financial responsibility may be demonstrated either by self insurance or by obtaining liability insurance in the required amounts of \$1 million per occurrence with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. The provisions of this section become effective January 1, 2006.