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An Act To Limit Liability for Businesses and Employees Who Work with Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WESTON of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1658-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1658-B. Liquefied petroleum gas; limited liability**

4 Legal action may not be commenced against a person who is engaged in the business
5 of selling at retail, supplying, handling or transporting liquefied petroleum gas if an
6 alleged injury, damage or loss was caused by:

7 **1. Repair of equipment.** The alteration or repair of liquefied petroleum gas
8 equipment or a liquefied petroleum gas appliance if the alteration or repair was done
9 without the knowledge and consent of the liquefied petroleum gas seller, supplier, handler
10 or transporter; or

11 **2. Use of equipment.** The use of liquefied petroleum gas equipment or a liquefied
12 petroleum gas appliance in a manner or for a purpose other than that for which the
13 equipment or appliance was intended and the injury, damage or loss could reasonably
14 have been expected to result.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill limits the liability of suppliers, transporters, handlers and sellers of liquefied
17 petroleum gas for actual and punitive damages related to the modification, repair or use
18 of liquefied petroleum gas equipment or appliances by any other person.