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An Act To Change the Regulation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Distribution Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4702, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 718, §15, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commission may not adopt or enforce rules to implement this chapter with regard to propane marketers that are more stringent than the requirements of federal law and regulations until such time as the commission, in conjunction with the Maine Fuel Board established under Title 32, section 18121, proposes new rules for propane marketers. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2A. Provisionally adopted rules must be submitted to the Legislature under Title 5, section 8072 by January 7, 2012.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt major substantive rules regarding safety jurisdiction over certain gas utilities in conjunction with the Maine Fuel Board. Until those rules are adopted, the commission may not adopt or enforce rules that are more stringent than the requirements of federal law and regulations.