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# S. 344

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the excise tax on liquified petroleum gas and liquified natural gas.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EQUALIZATION OF EXCISE TAX ON LIQUEFIED**  
4 **PETROLEUM GAS AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL**  
5 **GAS.**

6 (a) LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section  
8 4041(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
9 amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (i),

1 by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii), and by in-  
2 serting after clause (i) the following new clause:

3 “(ii) in the case of liquefied petroleum  
4 gas, 18.3 cents per energy equivalent of a  
5 gallon of gasoline, and”.

6 (2) ENERGY EQUIVALENT OF A GALLON OF  
7 GASOLINE.—Paragraph (2) of section 4041(a) of  
8 such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(C) ENERGY EQUIVALENT OF A GALLON  
11 OF GASOLINE.—For purposes of this para-  
12 graph, the term energy equivalent of a gallon of  
13 gasoline means, with respect to a liquefied pe-  
14 troleum gas fuel, the amount of such fuel hav-  
15 ing a Btu content of 115,400 (lower heating  
16 value).”.

17 (b) LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section  
19 4041(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
20 amended by subsection (a)(1), is amended by strik-  
21 ing “and” at the end of clause (ii), by striking the  
22 period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting “,  
23 and” and by inserting after clause (iii) the following  
24 new clause:

1                   “(iv) in the case of liquefied natural  
2                   gas, 24.3 cents per energy equivalent of a  
3                   gallon of diesel.”.

4                   (2) ENERGY EQUIVALENT OF A GALLON OF  
5                   DIESEL.—Paragraph (2) of section 4041(a) of such  
6                   Code, as amended by subsection (a)(2), is amended  
7                   by adding at the end the following:

8                   “(D) ENERGY EQUIVALENT OF A GALLON  
9                   OF DIESEL.—For purposes of this paragraph,  
10                  the term energy equivalent of a gallon of diesel  
11                  means, with respect to a liquefied natural gas  
12                  fuel, the amount of such fuel having a Btu con-  
13                  tent of 128,700 (lower heating value).”.

14                  (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
15                  4041(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
16                  1986, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is  
17                  amended—

18                         (A) by striking “liquefied natural gas,,”

19                         and

20                         (B) by striking “peat), and” and inserting  
21                         “peat) and”.

22                  (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23                  this section shall apply to any sale or use of fuel after  
24                  March 31, 2015.