

Fiscal Analysis

TRANSFERRING LPG OR CARBONIC GAS



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4900 Substitute (H-1), Rep. Larry Julian**

House Committee Regulatory Reform

Analysis **Summary**

The bill would amend 1959 PA 241, which regulates the handling of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), to increase penalties for improper transfers and to explicitly prohibit transferring gas out of or into an LPG or carbonic gas container without training in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Fiscal Impact

The penalty for improper transfers of LPG gas would be increased from a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$100 to a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to two years and a fine of up to \$1,000. Depending on how the bill affected prosecutorial charging decisions, it could increase costs to the state through costs of probation supervision or incarceration. (Felony probationers are the responsibility of the state, while misdemeanor probationers are a local responsibility, and the bill would authorize a term in state prison for an offender, although, as a practical matter, a prison term generally would be imposed for this offense only if the offender had an extensive prior record.)

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