

1 S.211

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

4 Date: January 3, 2012

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; propane; tanks; liability

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require commercial and residential  
7 propane tanks to be secured, and to require the owner of the tank to retrieve or  
8 collect the tank in the event of a flood or other natural disaster.

9 An act relating to securing propane tanks in natural disasters

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 ~~Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2461b(h) is added to read:~~

12 ~~(h)(1) The owner of a propane storage tank shall fasten, attach, or~~  
13 ~~otherwise secure the tank to a structure or other fixture to ensure the safety of~~  
14 ~~persons and property in the event of a flood or other natural disaster.~~

15 ~~(2) In the event a propane storage tank becomes unsecured due to flood~~  
16 ~~or other natural disaster, the owner of the tank shall be responsible for the~~  
17 ~~recovery and, if applicable, appropriate disposal of the tank and its contents.~~

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 34 is added to read:*

§ 34. PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROPANE TANK SAFETY

*The general assembly finds that there is a need for a coordinated public safety message on the storage, handling, and recovery of propane tanks that are displaced by natural disaster, such as flooding. The department of public service and the division of fire safety shall cooperate with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association, Inc. to develop a variety of educational materials for distribution to the public to provide information on any special treatment of propane tanks that might be required in the case of a natural disaster, such as flooding.*