1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was
3	referred House Bill No. 609 entitled "An act relating to terminating propane
4	service" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5	that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
6	in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2461b is amended to read:
8	§ 2461b. REGULATION OF PROPANE
9	(a)(1) In this section:
10	(A) "Consumer" means any person who purchases propane for
11	consumption and not for resale through a meter or has propane delivered to one
12	or more storage tanks of 2,000 gallons or less.
13	(B) "Seller" means a person who sells or offers to sell propane to a
14	consumer.
15	(C) "Terminates service" means that a seller:
16	(i) disconnects, removes, or locks off a propane tank;
17	(ii) reads a meter with the purpose of terminating service;
18	(iii) sends notice of intent to disconnect, remove, or lock off a
19	propane tank; or

1	(iv) takes other action that evidences an intent to terminate a
2	service relationship with a consumer or evidences knowledge that the
3	consumer requested termination of service.
4	(2) The Attorney General shall investigate irregularities, complaints, and
5	unfair or deceptive acts in commerce by sellers.
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7	(e) When terminating service to a consumer, a seller shall comply with the
8	following requirements.
9	(1)(A) If the propane storage tank has been located on the consumer's
10	premises, regardless of ownership of the premises, for 12 months or more, the
11	seller may not assess a fee related to termination of propane service, including
12	a fee:
13	(i) to remove the seller's storage tank from the premises;
14	(ii) to pump out or restock propane; or
15	(iii) to terminate service.
16	(B) If a consumer has received propane service from the seller for
17	less than 12 months, any fee related to termination of service may not exceed
18	the disclosed price of labor and materials.
19	(2) Subject to subdivision (h)(5) of this section:
20	(A) Within 20 days of the date when the seller disconnects propane
21	terminates service or is notified by the consumer in writing that service has

1	been disconnected, whichever is earlier, the seller shall refund to the consumer
2	the amount paid by the consumer for any propane remaining in the storage
3	tank, less any payments due the seller from the consumer.
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5	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
6	This act shall take effect on passage.
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11	(Committee vote:)
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13	Representative [surname]
14	FOR THE COMMITTEE