

By: Representatives Stevens, Barbour

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 664

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-57-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE CERTAIN STANDARDS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF THE
3 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM AND COMPRESSED GAS INDUSTRY; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 75-57-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 75-57-9. The codes of the American Society of Mechanical
9 Engineers - Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code - Section II Material
10 Specifications; Section VIII Pressure Vessels; and Section IX
11 Welding and Brazing Qualifications; American Petroleum Institute
12 Standard 620 (American Petroleum Institute Recommended Rules for
13 the Design and Construction of Large Welded Low-pressure Storage
14 Tanks); Standards of the National Fuel Gas Code as published by
15 the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA-54; the Standards
16 for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas as
17 published by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA-58;
18 and other National Fire Protection Association standards
19 applicable to liquefied petroleum gas and compressed gas; and the
20 safety requirements for the storage and handling of anhydrous
21 ammonia as published by the American National Standards Institute,
22 Inc.; as the codes and standards referred to herein as revised,
23 and standards referred to above are hereby adopted by reference as
24 specifications for the purpose of material standards,
25 construction, handling, transportation and installation of all
26 liquefied compressed gas systems and inspection and operation of
27 pressure vessels. Copies of all codes and standards referred to

28 in the foregoing are available for public use and inspection at
29 the office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The State Liquefied
30 Compressed Gas Board is fully authorized and empowered in the
31 exercise of its authority granted under this section to change,
32 delete from or amend from time to time the national code and
33 standards adopted by reference in this section. Any changes,
34 deletions or amendments made to the national codes and codes
35 adopted by reference in this section shall be made in strict
36 compliance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law,
37 Chapter 43, Title 25, Mississippi Code of 1972, and with the
38 approval of the Commissioner of Insurance. The State Liquefied
39 Compressed Gas Board is fully authorized and empowered in the
40 exercise of the authority granted under this section to exempt or
41 grant deviations from the national code and standards adopted by
42 reference in this section with respect to reconditioned or
43 remanufactured railroad tank car pressure vessels designed for and
44 used as stationary storage tanks for agricultural fertilizers.

45 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2001.