Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance amending Chapter 12.68 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws by adding a section regulating the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Charter Section 2.01, Subsection 11, provides that the metropolitan government of Nashville and Davidson County shall have power, "...to regulate the transportation, storage and use of combustible, explosive and inflammable materials, the use of lighting and heating equipment, and any other business or situation which may be dangerous to persons or property;" and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 12.68 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws establishes various safety rules for operating vehicles within the area of the metropolitan government; and,

WHEREAS, the transportation and use of liquefied petroleum gas may be dangerous to persons or property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: Chapter 12.68 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by adding a new section, to be codified as § 12.68.220, as follows:

A. It is unlawful for any person to transport in the area of the metropolitan government any containers or cylinders of liquefied petroleum gas in excess of twenty pounds capacity, unless the cylinders or containers are securely fastened and equipped with appropriate valve guards or caps. Furthermore, no containers of liquefied petroleum gas shall be transported in any vehicle, whether private or for hire, while in use with heating equipment. This does not preclude carrying of containers for the use of liquefied petroleum gas as a motor fuel in conjunction with the operation of a vehicle of any type.

B. A violation of subsection A of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 12.84.030 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance adds a new Section 12.68.220 to the Metro Code to make it unlawful to transport containers or cylinders of liquefied petroleum gas in excess of 20 pounds capacity unless the cylinders or containers are securely fastened and equipped with appropriate valve guards or caps. The ordinance would also make it unlawful to transport containers of liquefied petroleum gas in any vehicle while in use with heating equipment.

The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce risks to persons or property as a result of the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas.