

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO: H.3518

TITLE: An Act relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers

SPONSOR: Representative David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: November 13, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: S.2122 heard by TUE Committee; accompanied study order, S.2719.
2021-2022: S.2172 heard by TUE Committee; accompanied study order S.2715.
2019-2020: S.1961 heard by TUE Committee; accompanied study order S.2552.
2017-2018: S.1850 heard by TUE Committee; accompanied study order S.2489.
2015-2016: S.1758 heard by TUE Committee; referred to SWM; redrafted into S.2470; referred to HWM.
2013-2014: S.2278 heard by TUE Committee; redrafted into S.2332; referred to SWM.

CURRENT LAW:

Section 94 of chapter 93 establishes that a contract between a propane dealer and a property owner shall not be binding upon a subsequent purchaser of said property.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires that any contract or agreement for the sale of propane must be in writing and contain all terms and conditions for delivery and the amount of fees, charges, surcharges or penalties. Any contract that includes an automatic renewal clause must allow the consumer to terminate at the end of the initial term or subsequent anniversary date with 30 days written notice. A propane dealer must clearly and conspicuously post their daily propane delivery price for residential customers, including its website.