

SENATE BILL No. 62

By Committee on Utilities

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1 AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to the Kansas corporation
2 commission; gas pipeline safety; amending K.S.A. 66-1,154 and 66-
3 1,157a and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1,153 and repealing the existing
4 sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1,153 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 66-1,153. *As used in this section, terms have the meanings*
9 *provided by 49 C.F.R. § 192.3, as in effect on July 1, 2013.* Every person
10 engaged in the operation of gas pipeline systems in this state subject to the
11 jurisdiction and control of the state corporation commission under K.A.R.
12 82-11-1 et seq. shall annually pay a fee to the commission for the
13 inspection and supervision of the standards of safety prescribed by rules
14 and regulations adopted in conformance with the natural gas pipeline
15 safety act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. § 60101 et seq.), as amended. Nothing in this
16 act shall apply to any public utility required to pay the fee provided for by
17 K.S.A. 66-1503, and amendments thereto. Such fee shall be due and
18 payable on or before September 1 of each year, commencing in the year
19 1973, and shall be for the fiscal year in which payment is due. Such fee
20 shall be in addition to any and all property, franchise or license fees and
21 other taxes, fees and charges fixed, assessed or charged by law against
22 such utility.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-1,154 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-
24 1,154. *As used in this section, terms have the meanings provided by 49*
25 *C.F.R. § 192.3, as in effect on July 1, 2013.*

26 (a) The amount of such fee shall be fixed in relation to the number of
27 active gas meters in service within the service area of each ~~public utility~~
28 *person* engaged in the operation of a gas pipeline system. The fee shall be
29 fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the state corporation commission
30 at rates in accordance with K.S.A. 66-1,153 and amendments thereto and
31 this section.

32 (b) The rates prescribed by this section prior to the effective date of
33 this act shall continue in effect until different rates are fixed by rules and
34 regulations adopted by the state corporation commission under this
35 section.

36 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 66-1,157a is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-

1 1,157a. (a) As used in this section, terms have the meanings provided by
2 49 C.F.R. § 192.3, as in effect on ~~the effective date of this act~~ *July 1, 2013*.

3 (b) Except as provided by subsection (c), ~~a public utility, municipal~~
4 ~~corporation or quasi-municipal corporation which renders any person~~
5 *rendering* gas utility service shall have full responsibility for maintenance
6 of all pipelines that convey gas from a gas main to the outside wall of
7 residential premises which are individually metered and directly served by
8 such utility or corporation and is hereby granted the necessary access
9 rights to carry out such responsibility.

10 (c) A city of the third class, or a city having a population of 2,000 or
11 less, which renders gas utility service shall have responsibility for
12 inspection of pipelines described in subsection (b), but shall not otherwise
13 be responsible for maintenance of such pipelines.

14 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 66-1,154 and 66-1,157a and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-
15 1,153 are hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.