

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 410

Approved by the Governor February 28, 1977

Introduced by Rasmussen, 41

AN ACT to amend section 81-550, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the Natural Gas Pipe Line Safety Act of 1969; to increase the amount that may be assessed against persons having pipe line facilities in this state; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 81-550, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-550. To defray the cost of administering this act, the State Fire Marshal shall on March 1 of each year make an assessment against persons having pipe line facilities in this state subject to the provisions of this act, which assessment shall be paid within thirty days thereafter.

For the years 1970 and 1971, the assessment against each such person shall not exceed a sum equal to five cents multiplied by the number of meters such person shall have in service for the retail sale of gas in this state at the end of the calendar year next preceding such assessment. Commencing in the year 1972 1977, and annually thereafter, the amount of such assessment shall not exceed an amount equal to ~~six~~ ten cents multiplied by the number of such meters for each such person, nor shall the aggregate of all such assessments exceed the total amount of payments received by the state from the United States government for such purposes in the twelve months next preceding such annual assessment.

It shall be the duty of the State Fire Marshal to make timely application each year to the United States government for the maximum funds to which this state may be entitled from the United States government for the administration of this act.

Money received from such assessments and the United States government for administration of this act shall be paid to the State Treasurer, and shall be deposited in a separate fund known as the Nebraska Natural Gas Pipe Line Safety Fund, which is hereby created, and shall not be expended for purposes other than for the administration of this act.

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Sec. 2. That original section 81-550, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.