

**55-1809. Damages; comparative negligence and liability.** (a) In any action brought against a liquefied petroleum gas marketer for personal injury or property damage, an end retail user's damages shall be reduced by the comparative negligence of the end retail user or any third party to the extent the action of the end retail user or the third party contributed to cause the personal injury or property damage, including, but not limited to, the end retail user's or third party's: (1) Modification, repair, service or alteration of the end retail user's liquefied petroleum gas system; or (2) failure to conduct a leak check or inspection of the liquefied petroleum gas system after any modification, repair, service or alteration of the end retail user's system.

(b) Nothing in this act is intended to limit any claim or defense that an act of an end retail user, third party, marketer or other person or entity contributed to cause the personal injury or property damage.

(c) In any action brought against a liquefied petroleum gas marketer for personal injury or property damage, evidence of the marketer's compliance or noncompliance with this act shall be admissible as evidence to support a claim or defense to the extent such evidence is relevant to the cause of the personal injury or property damage.

(d) Nothing in this act is intended to limit the liability of any individual, licensee, or liquefied petroleum gas marketer for any damages that arise from any reckless or intentional act of such individual, licensee or liquefied petroleum marketer.

(e) The state fire marshal shall develop an information notice and distribute the same annually to all licensees. The notice shall include a reference to this section, a description of the law and any additional information that the state fire marshal deems necessary and appropriate.

(f) Every liquefied petroleum gas marketer in the state of Kansas shall maintain continuous general liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 and shall annually provide proof of insurance to the state fire marshal.

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