

**ACT 137**

**S.B. NO. 1598-78**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to the Banning of Pilot Lights on Gas Appliances.**

***Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:***

**SECTION 1.** The legislature finds that gas appliances with pilot lights that remain continually lighted in order to ignite the appliance constitute wasteful use of valuable energy resources. Alternate systems that can be used in lieu of gas pilot lights are currently commercially available.

The purpose of this Act is to foster the State's energy conservation program by banning the sale and installation of gas appliances with pilot lights.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"Sec. - Gas appliances with pilot light prohibited; exemptions.** (a) No new residential type gas appliance that is equipped with a pilot light shall be sold or installed in the State after June 30, 1980. Gas appliances sold after June 30, 1980 shall be equipped with an intermittent ignition system or other ignition devices in lieu of gas pilot lights.

(b) Beginning ninety days after the effective date of this Act, the energy resources coordinator or its successor entity shall notify, in writing, all retail sellers of gas appliances doing business in the State of the provisions of this section.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any hot water heaters with pilot lights or to any gas appliance which can be conclusively demonstrated by the equipment manufacturer, to the satisfaction of the energy resources coordinator or its successor entity, that the gas pilot device in the appliance:

- (1) Has a substantial lower life cycle cost than an electric ignition or other alternate ignition system;
- (2) Is more energy efficient than available alternatives; or
- (3) Is necessary to safeguard public health and safety.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to people living in areas that are served with unreliable electric service or where it is not available.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Gas appliance" includes any new residential type heater, refrigerator, stove, range, dishwasher, dryer, air conditioner, decorative fireplace, or other similar devices;
- (2) "Intermittent ignition device" means an ignition device which is activated only when the gas appliance is in operation; and
- (3) "Pilot light" means any gas operated device that remains continually operated or lighted in order to ignite a gas appliance to normal operation."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 30, 1978.)

\*Edited accordingly.