

90TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1166

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 1967

Mr. MAGNUSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe safety regulations for the transportation of natural gas by pipeline, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That this Act may be cited as "the Natural Gas Pipeline  
4 Safety Act of 1967".

5       SEC. 2. The first full paragraph of section 831, title 18,  
6 United States Code, as amended, is amended by adding, im-  
7 mediately before the first "and", the following: "and any  
8 entity whether privately, publicly, or cooperatively owned,  
9 which gathers, transmits, or distributes natural gas, manu-  
10 factured gas, or other flammable gas by pipeline (whether

1 or not regulated by the Federal Power Commission),”.

2 SEC. 3. Section 834, title 18, United States Code, as  
3 amended, is amended by redesignating present subsection (f)  
4 as subsection (g) and adding a new subsection (f) as  
5 follows:

6 “(f) Such regulations concerning natural, manufac-  
7 tured, or other flammable gas shall apply to the design, in-  
8 stallation, inspection, testing, construction, extension, opera-  
9 tion, replacement, and maintenance of existing and proposed  
10 gas pipelines and appurtenant facilities, and may provide that  
11 safety inspections required thereby be conducted by inspec-  
12 tion agencies which satisfy such standards of competence and  
13 independence from the owner, builder, or operator of the  
14 pipeline as the Secretary of Transportation (hereinafter  
15 referred to as “the Secretary”) may prescribe. Nothing in  
16 this section shall be deemed to restrict the authority of the  
17 Federal Power Commission under the Natural Gas Act, nor  
18 shall anything in this section be deemed to prohibit any State  
19 from establishing additional regulations for the safety of gas  
20 pipelines and appurtenant facilities which are not incom-  
21 patible with Federal regulations prescribed pursuant to this  
22 section. The Secretary may, under procedures established  
23 by him, provide for the waiver of any gas safety regulations  
24 prescribed by him under this section. The Secretary shall  
25 maintain safety records of companies transporting gas by

1 pipeline; notify the appropriate Federal and State agencies  
2 of violations of any gas safety regulations prescribed under  
3 this section; consult with and advise the Federal Power  
4 Commission before prescribing any regulations covering gas  
5 transmission; establish procedures under which new mate-  
6 rials, operations, devices, and processes may be qualified  
7 without undue delay to comply with gas safety regulations  
8 prescribed under this section; and upon request of the Fed-  
9 eral Power Commission, advise the Federal Power Commis-  
10 sion of the safety of any materials, operations, devices, or  
11 processes not expressly encompassed by such regulations.  
12 Whenever the issuance of a regulation or action upon appli-  
13 cation for waiver would affect continuity of any services au-  
14 thorized by the Federal Power Commission, the Secretary  
15 shall consult with and advise the Federal Power Commission  
16 before taking such a step and shall defer the effective date of  
17 his requirements until the Federal Power Commission has  
18 had reasonable opportunity to grant the authorizations it  
19 deems necessary.

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