RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 949 (HB 707) **2026 Regular Session** **Turner**

Existing law establishes a Liquified Petroleum Gas Commission and authorizes the commission to levy assessments on Class I, Class IV, and Class VI permit holders.

Existing law retains existing law.

New law provides for an assessment of the gross annual sales of liquified petroleum gas of each person who holds a Class I, Class IV, or Class VI permit, with proceeds used for market development and promotion. Further provides that the marketing programs are recommended by the Market Development Advisory Committee.

New law retains existing law but changes from the Market Development Advisory Committee to the Market Development Advisory Board.

New law authorizes the commission to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for the market development and promotion activities required under existing law.

Existing law provides for authorized uses of the assessment proceeds collected by the commission, including market development and promotion activities.

Existing law requires the commission to establish an advisory board.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law required that one advisory board member be appointed from each commission inspector's area and that two members be appointed at large.

New law removes prior law and provides that the executive director of the commission may appoint one member of the commission to serve on the advisory board.

Existing law requires that each advisory board member hold a Class I, IV, or VI permit.

New law retains existing law but adds that board members may have work experience in the industry instead of a permit.

Prior law required that each class of permit subject to assessments be represented by two advisory board members.

New law only requires one board member from each permit class.

New law further provides that meetings of the advisory board may be held in person or via electronic means and requires that they be advertised as required by the Open Meetings Law.

New law establishes that at least 50% of the members of the advisory board constitutes a quorum for board meetings and allows a board member that cannot attend to send a proxy if they provide the chairperson written notice at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1851(E)(1) and (F))