



## **Governor Walker Signs Liability Insurance Bill**

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April 8, 2016 (Madison, WI)- The Wisconsin Propane Gas Association thanked Governor Walker for signing Assembly Bill 698 into law on March 30, 2016 at the bill signing in the Governor's office.

This law changes the licensure requirements for obtaining a liquefied petroleum gas retailers license from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Originally the law stated that a propane dealer may prove financial responsibility by obtaining a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or liability insurance to get the license. Assembly Bill 698 eliminates the surety bond and irrevocable letter of credit as financial measure that satisfy the license requirement.

"By eliminating a surety bond or letter of credit as an option for obtaining a license, we are strengthening the states' propane industry and keeping safety a top priority," said WPGA Executive Director, Emma Shultz. "Although most propane marketers in the state already carry general commercial liability insurance, this change will standardize that process."

The WPGA would like to thank those who played a vital role in the passage of this bill: Representative Dave Heaton (R – Wausau) and Senator Frank Lasee (R – De Pere) for their support in authoring the bill; WPGA President Chris Tews, Vice President Roger Boehlke, and WPGA member Gary France for their testimonies; and WPGA members who contacted their legislators. The Capitol Group spearheaded the WPGA's lobbying efforts.

### **About the WPGA:**

The Wisconsin Propane Gas Association is a statewide trade association representing propane marketers and suppliers. The WPGA also directs the Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council WiPERC which provides education, training and communications for the propane industry in Wisconsin. The WPGA and the WiPERC are managed by The Capitol Group. For more information visit [www.wipga.org](http://www.wipga.org)

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