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**Introduced by Reps. Haugh, Schor, Tlaib, Faris, Roberts, Dillon, Goike, Yonker, Geiss, Foster, Crawford, McBroom, Lane, McCann, Driskell, Dianda, Howrylak and Nathan**

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4743**

AN ACT to amend 2011 PA 256, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to certain fireworks; to regulate the purchase, possession, sale, and use of certain fireworks; to establish a fireworks safety fund; to establish a fireworks safety fee; to provide for the transfer and expenditure of funds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 18a (MCL 28.454, 28.455, 28.457, 28.460, 28.461, 28.462, and 28.468a), sections 4 and 12 as amended and section 18a as added by 2012 PA 257.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 4. (1) A person shall not sell consumer fireworks unless the person annually obtains and maintains a consumer fireworks certificate from the department under this section. A person who knows, or should know, that he or she is required to comply with this subsection and who fails or neglects to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine, or both, with the fine as follows:

- (a) For a first violation of this subsection, not more than \$5,000.00.
- (b) For a second violation of this subsection, not more than \$20,000.00.
- (c) For a third or subsequent violation of this subsection, not more than \$40,000.00.

(2) An application for a consumer fireworks certificate shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) The application shall be submitted no later than April 1 of each year in which consumer fireworks are to be sold.
- (b) The application shall list the name and address of each retail location from which consumer fireworks are to be sold.

(c) The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1,000.00 for a certificate for each retail location that is a permanent building or structure or \$600.00 for each retail location that is not a permanent building or structure. The fireworks certificate fee required to be paid for a retail location that is not a permanent building or structure shall not exceed 60% of the fireworks certificate fee for a retail location that is a permanent building or structure.

(d) The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's current sales tax license, including the applicant's account number, issued by the department of treasury for each retail location where consumer fireworks are to be sold by the applicant.

(3) A consumer fireworks certificate issued under this section is valid from the date of issue until April 30 of the year after it was issued. A person may renew a consumer fireworks certificate for a retail location by making application in the same manner as provided under subsection (2). However, the department shall not issue a renewal consumer fireworks certificate unless the department determines that the applicant properly remitted all of the fireworks safety fees required to be paid in the preceding year. The department shall provide to the department of treasury the sales

tax license information received from the applicant and any additional information as may be necessary to allow the department of treasury to confirm that each sales tax license submitted by the applicant is current and valid. The department shall enter into an agreement with the department of treasury under section 28(1) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.28, that will allow the department of treasury to provide that information to the department. The department shall not issue an original or renewal consumer fireworks certificate to an applicant until the department of treasury has confirmed to the department that each sales tax license submitted by the applicant is current and valid, and that the applicant is otherwise eligible to obtain a consumer fireworks certificate under this act.

(4) Not more than 30 days after an application is submitted to the department under this section, the department shall issue or deny issuance of a consumer fireworks certificate to the applicant and, if issuance is denied, shall indicate to the applicant the reason for denial.

(5) If the department denies issuance of a consumer fireworks certificate under this section, the applicant may cure any defect of the application within 45 days after the denial without paying an additional fee. The department shall not unreasonably delay or deny an application under this section.

(6) A consumer fireworks certificate is transferable upon approval by the department and the payment of a \$25.00 transfer fee. However, the department shall not approve the transfer of a consumer fireworks certificate unless the transferee satisfies eligibility requirements for an original consumer fireworks certificate under this act.

(7) The holder of a consumer fireworks certificate shall prominently display the original or copy of the certificate in the appropriate retail location. A person that violates this subsection is responsible for a civil fine of \$100.00. Each day that the consumer fireworks certificate is not displayed as required under this subsection is a separate violation.

(8) The department shall not issue a consumer fireworks certificate to a person that is ineligible under this act.

(9) The face of the consumer fireworks certificate shall indicate the location or address for which it was issued.

(10) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the fireworks safety fund.

Sec. 5. (1) Consumer fireworks shall only be sold from a retail location if all of the following applicable conditions are met:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a retail location satisfies the applicable requirements of NFPA 101 and NFPA 1124 not in conflict with this act, and the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531. However, any provision of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531, that is inconsistent with the applicable requirements of NFPA 101 and NFPA 1124 is superseded to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2013, a permanent building or structure shall be equipped with a fire suppression system in compliance with NFPA 1124.

(c) The retailer at that retail location is licensed under section 3 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.53.

(d) The retailer has a valid federal taxpayer identification number issued by the federal department of the treasury, internal revenue service. This requirement does not apply to a retailer that is a sole proprietorship.

(2) A person that knows, or should know, that he or she is required to comply with subsection (1) and who fails or neglects to do so is responsible for a civil fine of \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day that a person is in noncompliance constitutes a separate violation.

(3) During periods when consumer fireworks are sold, each retail location selling consumer fireworks either shall be added as an additional insured, or public liability and product liability insurance coverage shall be obtained and maintained, in an amount not less than \$10,000,000.00 per occurrence. A person that knows, or should know, that he or she is required to comply with this subsection and who fails or neglects to do so is liable for a civil fine of not more than \$5,000.00.

Sec. 7. (1) Except as provided in this act, a local unit of government shall not enact or enforce an ordinance, code, or regulation pertaining to or in any manner regulating the sale, display, storage, transportation, or distribution of fireworks regulated under this act.

(2) A local unit of government may enact an ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, including, but not limited to, an ordinance prescribing the hours of the day or night during which a person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks. If a local unit of government enacts an ordinance under this subsection, the ordinance shall not regulate the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday except as follows:

(a) A local unit of government with a population of 50,000 or more or a local unit of government located in a county with a population of 750,000 or more may regulate the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks between the hours of 12 midnight and 8 a.m. or between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on New Year's day.

(b) A local unit of government with a population of less than 50,000 located in a county with a population of less than 750,000 may regulate the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.

(3) An ordinance under subsection (2) shall only impose a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation of the ordinance and no other fine or sanction.

Sec. 10. (1) The retailer or person to whom a consumer fireworks certificate is issued is responsible for remitting all fireworks safety fees as described in section 9 to the department on forms and in the manner prescribed by the department; shall hold the fireworks safety fees collected in trust for the state until remitted to the state; and is personally liable for the payment of the fireworks safety fee money to this state.

(2) The department may refer for collection to the department of treasury past due amounts of the fireworks safety fee consistent with section 13 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.13.

(3) A retailer or person shall remit the fireworks safety fees no later than 20 days after the end of each preceding month. A retailer or person that operates 25 or more retail locations in this state that are permanent buildings or structures may remit the fireworks safety fees in an aggregate filing under 1 common identification number as determined by the department.

(4) The department shall investigate any fireworks safety fees reported, but not paid, by a retailer no later than September 30 of each year.

Sec. 11. (1) The fireworks safety fund is created within the department of treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The department shall expend money deposited in the fund as follows:

(a) One hundred percent of the money received from fireworks safety fees under section 8 to be used for the training of firefighters under the direction and approval of the firefighters training council established under the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.361 to 29.377.

(b) One hundred percent of the money received from consumer fireworks safety certificates under section 4 to administer this act and to pay the costs of delegating inspections under this act to local units of government under subsection (5).

(5) The department may establish a program for delegating inspection duties under this act to 1 or more local units of government. If a local unit of government agrees to carry out inspections, the department shall pay 70% of the consumer fireworks safety certificate fee paid by each retail location inspected by the local unit of government and retain the remaining 30% of that fee. If a local unit of government declines to participate in the program described in this subsection, the department retains its inspection duties under this act.

Sec. 12. (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person that violates this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

(2) Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to a minor. A person that violates this subsection shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00, or, for a second or subsequent violation of this subsection, a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00. In addition, the person's consumer fireworks certificate shall be suspended for 90 days after the civil fine is ordered for a second or subsequent violation. This age requirement shall be verified by any of the following:

(a) An operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

(b) An official state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

(c) An enhanced driver license or enhanced official state personal identification card issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.

(d) A military identification card.

(e) A passport.

(f) Any other bona fide photograph identification that establishes the identity and age of the individual.

(3) An individual shall not discharge, ignite, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Alcoholic liquor" means that term as defined in section 1d of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1d.

(b) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 8b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.8b.

(4) An individual who violates the smoking prohibition under NFPA 1124, 7.3.11.1 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(5) Signage stating the smoking prohibition described in subsection (4) satisfies the requirements of NFPA 1124.

Sec. 18a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who receives a citation for a serious violation, an order issued under this act, or a rule promulgated under this act shall be assessed a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who receives a citation for a violation of this act that is not a serious violation may be assessed a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to violations for which a specific civil fine is provided by this act.

(4) The state fire marshal may request that the prosecuting attorney for the county in which a violation of this act occurred issue a complaint and request a warrant for the prosecution of a person who commits a criminal violation of this act.

(5) All civil fines collected under this section shall be paid to the department within 15 working days after the date the penalty is ordered, not subject to further review, and credited to the fireworks safety fund.

(6) The department of treasury shall institute proceedings to collect any civil fines ordered but not paid under this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor