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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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A bill for an act

relating to public safety; regulating the manufacture, sale, and use of fireworks;  
amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 624.20, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 624.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Regulation.** (a) As used in sections 624.20 to 624.25, ~~the term "fireworks" means any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and includes blank cartridges, toy cannons, and toy canes in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, daygo bombs, sparklers other than those specified in paragraph (c), or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance and commonly used as fireworks.:~~

(1) "aerial and audible devices" means fireworks in a finished state, suitable for use by the public listed in APA 87-1, Sections 3.1.2, 3.1.3, and 3.5, and containing 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube for a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes in a device. The term does not include:

(i) firecrackers, cannon crackers, ground salutes, M-80's, cherry bombs, or other similar items;

(ii) (A) skyrockets;

(B) missile type rockets;

(C) single shot or reloadable aerial shells; or

2.1 (D) rockets similar to those described in subitem (A), (B), or (C), including  
2.2 aerial salutes, flash shells, comets, mines, or cakes, containing more than 500 grams of  
2.3 pyrotechnic composition;

2.4 (iii) bottle rockets; or

2.5 (iv) roman candles;

2.6 (2) "APA 87-1" means the American Pyrotechnic Association Standard 87-1 from  
2.7 the Standard for Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties,  
2.8 and Theatrical Pyrotechnics, 2001 Edition;

2.9 (3) "display fireworks" means firework devices in a finished state, exclusive of mere  
2.10 ornamentation, primarily intended for commercial displays that are designed to produce  
2.11 visible effects, audible effects, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

2.12 The term includes, but is not limited to, salutes containing more than 130 milligrams  
2.13 of explosive composition, aerial shells containing more than 40 grams of chemical  
2.14 composition exclusive of light charge, and other exhibition display items that exceed the  
2.15 limits contained in APA 87-1 for aerial and audible devices. The term does not include  
2.16 any toy pistols, toy guns, paper caps, sparkling devices, or novelties;

2.17 (4) "fireworks" means any device, other than sparkling devices, novelties, aerial and  
2.18 audible devices, or theatrical pyrotechnic articles that are intended to produce visible  
2.19 effects, audible effects, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. The term  
2.20 includes "display fireworks";

2.21 (5) "novelties" means a device containing small amounts of pyrotechnic composition  
2.22 that is listed in APA 87-1, Sections 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4. The term includes deregulated  
2.23 sparklers, snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, and trick noisemakers, including paper  
2.24 streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, drop pops, each consisting of not  
2.25 more than 25/100 grains of explosive mixture, toy pistols, toy guns, in which paper caps  
2.26 containing 25/100 grains or less of explosive compound are used, and toy pistol caps that  
2.27 contain less than 20/100 grains of explosive mixture; and

2.28 (6) "sparkling devices" means ground-based or handheld devices that produce a  
2.29 shower of sparks that are listed in APA 87-1, Sections 3.1.1 and 3.5. The term includes  
2.30 fountains, torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, and  
2.31 sparklers.

2.32 ~~(b) The term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy guns, in which paper caps~~  
2.33 ~~containing 25/100 grains or less of explosive compound are used and toy pistol caps~~  
2.34 ~~which contain less than 20/100 grains of explosive mixture.~~

2.35 (b) Nothing in sections 624.20 to 624.25 authorizes the possession or use of  
2.36 novelties, sparkling devices, or aerial and audible devices on public property or the

3.1 purchase of these items by persons younger than 18 years of age. A person selling  
3.2 novelties, sparkling devices, or aerial and audible devices shall verify the age of a  
3.3 purchaser by photographic identification.

3.4 ~~(e) The term also does not include wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100~~  
3.5 ~~grams of mixture per item, other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial~~  
3.6 ~~and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 500 grams or less~~  
3.7 ~~for multiple tubes, snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which~~  
3.8 ~~include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each~~  
3.9 ~~consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture. The use~~  
3.10 ~~of items listed in this paragraph is not permitted on public property. This paragraph does~~  
3.11 ~~not authorize the purchase of items listed in it by persons younger than 18 years of age.~~  
3.12 ~~The age of a purchaser of items listed in this paragraph must be verified by photographic~~  
3.13 ~~identification.~~

3.14 ~~(d)~~ (c) A local unit of government may impose an annual license fee for the retail sale  
3.15 ~~of items authorized under paragraph (e)~~ aerial and audible devices. The fee must be set at  
3.16 a reasonable amount based on the public safety issues and inspections associated with  
3.17 these devices. The annual license fee of each retail seller that is in the business of selling  
3.18 ~~only the items authorized under paragraph (e) may not exceed \$350, and the annual license~~  
3.19 ~~of each other retail seller may not exceed \$100.~~ A local unit of government may not:

3.20 (1) impose any fee or charge, other than the fee authorized by this paragraph, on the  
3.21 retail or wholesale sale of items authorized under paragraph (c) aerial and audible devices;

3.22 (2) impose any permit, license, fee, or charge on the retail or wholesale sale of  
3.23 sparkling devices or novelties;

3.24 ~~(2)~~ (3) prohibit or restrict the sale or display of items novelties, sparkling devices,  
3.25 or aerial and audible devices for from any permanent or temporary retail sale authorized  
3.26 under paragraph (c) structure that ~~comply~~ complies with National Fire Protection  
3.27 Association Standard 1124 (2003 2006 edition); or

3.28 ~~(3)~~ (4) impose on a retail seller any financial guarantee requirements, including  
3.29 bonding or insurance provisions, containing restrictions or conditions not imposed on the  
3.30 same basis on all other business licensees; or

3.31 (5) enact any ordinance, rule, or regulation that prohibits, limits, or restricts the  
3.32 wholesale or retail sale of sparkling devices or novelties.

3.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2012.