

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H 4025 General Bill, By Law and Merrill

Summary: Pyrotechnic Licensing and Safety Act, Fireworks, Safety standards, Licensure and regulation of persons selling

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 56, TITLE 40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC REGULATION, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PYROTECHNIC LICENSING AND SAFETY ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF PERSONS WHO SELL, OFFER TO SELL, OR STORE FIREWORKS, TO FURTHER DELINEATE THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY, TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, TO AUTHORIZE AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION AND VARIOUS FIRE CHIEFS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO INSPECT BUILDINGS IN WHICH FIREWORKS ARE STORED OR SOLD AND TO AUTHORIZE THESE INDIVIDUALS TO CONFISCATE FIREWORKS WHERE VIOLATIONS OCCUR, TO ESTABLISH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS RETAILERS, WHOLESALERS, AND JOBBERS, TO ESTABLISH FIREWORKS STORAGE AND DISPLAY STANDARDS, TO ESTABLISH GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SALE, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF FIREWORKS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-20, RELATING TO THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONSUMER FIREWORKS", "DISPLAY FIREWORKS", AND "FIREWORKS"; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-30, RELATING TO ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM "FIREWORKS", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITEMS EXCLUDED ARE THOSE DEREGULATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-40, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO REVISE A CROSS REFERENCE TO FEDERAL LAW AND TO DELETE FROM THE EXEMPTIONS, BLANK CARTRIDGES FOR CEREMONIAL, THEATRICAL, OR ATHLETIC EVENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-60, RELATING TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, SO AS TO CHANGE A CROSS REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-35-120, RELATING TO THE SALE OF FIREWORKS TO MINORS AND PROHIBITED USAGE OF FIREWORKS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF FIREWORKS TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN, RATHER THAN UNDER THE AGE OF FOURTEEN; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 23-35-50, 23-35-70, 23-35-80, 23-35-90, 23-35-100, 23-35-110, 23-35-140, AND 23-35-160, ALL RELATING TO REGULATION OF THE SALE, STORAGE, AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

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