



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 664

LCO No. 3001



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) expand the type of
2 fireworks that may be legally sold and used in this state by allowing
3 the sale and use of all consumer fireworks permitted by federal law; (2)
4 allow any person twenty-one years of age or older to use or explode
5 consumer fireworks from six o'clock p.m. to eleven o'clock p.m. on any
6 day and from eleven o'clock p.m. on New Year's Eve until one o'clock
7 a.m. on New Year's Day; (3) require the Commissioner of Consumer
8 Protection to create a license to sell consumer fireworks and require a
9 seller to obtain such license and a federal fireworks license before
10 selling consumer fireworks; (4) allow licensees to store and sell
11 consumer fireworks only from a permanent facility in accordance with
12 the National Fire Protection Association Section 1124: Code for the
13 Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and
14 Pyrotechnic Articles, 2006 edition; (5) require a separate license from
15 the Department of Consumer Protection for each location that sells
16 fireworks; (6) require the State Fire Marshal to (A) inspect the premises
17 where fireworks are sold, stored and offered for retail sale to the

18 public, and (B) enforce the age and time of day restrictions on use of
19 fireworks; (7) impose a tax on the initial sale of fireworks in the state at
20 the rate of five per cent of the average wholesale price, with tax
21 revenue deposited into a consumer fireworks account for distribution
22 to the firefighters cancer relief account and the state fire school training
23 and education extension account; (8) provide that an unlicensed seller
24 who offers or exposes for sale, sells at retail or possesses with the
25 intent to sell consumer fireworks commits an unfair trade practice; and
26 (9) provide that a person is guilty of a class C misdemeanor if the
27 person (A) is an unlicensed seller who offers or exposes for sale, sells at
28 retail or possesses with the intent to sell consumer fireworks, or (B)
29 violates the age restrictions on possession of fireworks or the time of
30 day restrictions on use of fireworks.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the sale and use of consumer grade fireworks.