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House Bill 651

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 36-60-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale
- 2 or use or ignition of consumer fireworks products, so as to authorize local governments to
- 3 regulate the times when fireworks may be used; to provide for related matters; to repeal
- 4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Code Section 36-60-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale or use or
- 8 ignition of consumer fireworks products, is amended by revising subsection (a) and adding
- 9 a new subsection to read as follows:
- 10 "(a) The governing authority of a county or municipal corporation shall not prohibit the
- sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks or other products or services which are lawful
- under Chapter 10 of Title 25, unless such prohibition is expressly authorized by general
- law.

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- 14 (a.1) The governing authority of a county or municipal corporation may by ordinance
- regulate the times when consumer fireworks may be used or ignited."

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## 16 **SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed. 17