

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 25

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An Act relating to fireworks; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1623, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1623), which relates to conditions for storage of fireworks; modifying requirements; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1623, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1623), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1623. A. Consumer Fireworks may be legally stored, transported, sold and used in this state with the exceptions and conditions specified under the provisions of Section 1621 et seq. of this title and consistent with Section 22-110 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Novelties may be legally stored, transported, sold and used in this state.

B. All fireworks storage and sales areas shall be conspicuously posted with signs reading "FIREWORKS-NO SMOKING".

1 C. Fireworks offered for retail sale must be sold according to
2 the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1124 Chapter 7, 2006
3 Edition. Any facility licensed to sell consumer fireworks prior to
4 November 15, 2009, shall be exempt from the NFPA regulations listed
5 in this subsection but shall remain under the regulation of the date
6 of licensure. Mail-order sales to consumers are prohibited through
7 any medium of either interstate or intrastate commerce. Sales of
8 fireworks may only be made at properly licensed retail locations
9 within the State of Oklahoma. A sales clerk must be on duty to
10 serve the consumer at the time of purchase.

11 D. ~~Fireworks shall not be sold or displayed to the public~~
12 ~~within any building or portion thereof or any vehicle which allows~~
13 ~~entry by any persons other than employees within such building or~~
14 ~~vehicle unless the fireworks are kept where they cannot be reached~~
15 ~~or handled by those persons.~~ An enclosed building used for sale of
16 fireworks to the public shall be built according to the
17 International Building Code (IBC) 2006 Edition and/or the codes and
18 standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal Commission or the
19 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. ~~The use of tents or~~
20 ~~other nonrigid shelters for the sale or storage of fireworks where~~
21 ~~the public may move about under or within the confines of a shelter~~
22 ~~is prohibited.~~

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1 E. The retail license holder shall be responsible for the safe
2 operation of retail sales to the public. The retail license holder
3 shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

4 F. Fireworks may be sold by licensed manufacturers,
5 distributors or wholesalers at wholesale or retail to residents and
6 nonresidents of the state from January 1 until December 31 of each
7 calendar year. Fireworks may only be sold by licensed retailers
8 from June 15 until July 6~~7~~ and from December 15 until January 2 to
9 residents and nonresidents of the state each calendar year.

10 G. Nothing in ~~this act~~ Section 1621 et seq. of this title shall
11 be construed to require the State Fire Marshal to inspect or cause
12 to be inspected portable retail fireworks stands prior to opening;
13 provided, the provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit the
14 local governing authority of the location of the portable retail
15 fireworks stand from inspecting such stands prior to opening.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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