

with corporate surety to be approved by him in an amount the State Fire Marshal prescribes, or an approved liability and property damage insurance policy in an amount prescribed by the State Fire Marshal, conditioned upon the payment of all damages to persons or property caused by reason of the discharge of fireworks mentioned in the permit. The bond or policy shall be payable to the State and may be enforced by any person suffering damage as aforesaid, by suit in the name of the State to his own use. If claims under any bond or policy required under this subtitle are established to an amount greater than the penal sum of the bond, or amount of the policy, the claims shall be payable pro rata to the amount of the penal sum of the bond or amount of the policy and executions shall issue accordingly. Workman's Compensation ~~or~~ SHALL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 101 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE. FOR OPERATORS NOT COVERED BY WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION approved accident insurance coverage shall be provided ~~for operators~~ in amounts prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Prevention Commission shall establish regulations as necessary for the enforcement of this subtitle. The State Fire Marshal may deputize the chief or other members of the fire department serving in any locality, or some other suitable official, to act as his deputy for the purpose of making inspections and investigations and receiving applications for permits.

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(a) The State Fire Marshal has sole authority to issue licenses for the operation of fireworks plants. A license to operate a fireworks plant shall not be issued until the applicant's plant or plants have been inspected by the State Fire Marshal or his designated representative and found to be wholly in compliance with this subtitle and all regulations promulgated hereunder. A determination as to satisfactory compliance by the plant with all other applicable statutes, ordinances, and regulations shall be made by the state or political subdivision agency responsible, and those agencies shall report the results of their inspections to the State Fire Marshal. Prior to issuing a license, the State Fire Marshal shall have a report from all appropriate agencies of full compliance by the applicant. Conviction of a plant operator or applicant of a crime defined as a felony under federal law or the laws of the state in which the conviction was adjudged, regardless of point in time, may constitute grounds for denial of a fireworks manufacturing license. A license to operate a fireworks plant shall be issued for no longer than one calendar year. The fee for this license shall be \$500.00.

(b) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall promulgate, and enforce through the office of the State Fire Marshal, regulations, consistent with this subtitle, as necessary or advisable to protect the safety of plant employees and the general public, and to protect public property. The scope of these regulations may include, but is not limited to, the implementation of this subtitle and to any and all aspects of the location, construction, arrangement, operation, personnel, public liability insurance and workman's compensation, and safety of fireworks plants.

(c) The State Fire Marshal, or his designated representative, shall make periodic inspections of all fireworks plants licensed pur-