

any combustible, explosive or implosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, implosion, deflagration, or detonation. The term "fireworks" does not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for use; or toy pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty hundredths grains of explosive mixture; or sparklers containing no chlorates or perchlorates; OR PAPER WRAPPED SNAPPERS CONTAINING LESS THAN THREE HUNDREDTHS GRAINS OF EXPLOSIVE COMPOSITION; OR ASH-PRODUCING PELLETS KNOWN AS "SNAKES" WHICH CONTAIN NO MERCURY AND ARE NOT REGULATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 24, 1990.

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CHAPTER 92

(Senate Bill 148)

AN ACT concerning

**Ethics – Lobbyists – Reporting and Registration**

FOR the purpose of altering certain lobbyist reporting and registration provisions of the Public Ethics Law to clarify the requirements for certain lobbying entities; and generally relating to the lobbyist reporting and registration provisions of the Public Ethics Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40A – Maryland Public Ethics Law

Section 5-105(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: