

known as Sections 81A to 81F, and to follow immediately after Section 81 of said Article, regulating the sale, possession and discharge of fireworks, defining fireworks, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That six new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", to be under sub-title "Fireworks", said new sections to be known as Sections 81A to 81F, to follow immediately after Section 81 of said Article, and to read as follows:

81A. The term "fireworks" as used in this sub-title shall mean fire-crackers, squibs, rockets, sparklers, Roman candles, torpedoes, bombs, grenades, fire-balloons, signal lights, and any combustible or explosive 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, deflagration, or detonation.

81B. (a) From and after June 1, 1941, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks without a permit granted in the manner hereinafter provided, or to possess fireworks, either with the intention of discharging or permitting the discharge thereof in violation of the terms of this sub-title, or for the purpose of disposal or sale to persons for use or discharge without a permit, where such a permit is required by this sub-title.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell fireworks to any person or persons without a permit issued under this sub-title except as hereinafter provided.

81C. (a) Any person possessing or discharging fireworks in violation of the provisions of this sub-title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$50.00. Any person selling fireworks in violation of the provisions of this sub-title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished for each offense by fine of not more than \$200.00; provided, however, that nothing in this sub-title shall prevent the manufacture of fireworks or the possession of the materials for the manufacture of same, or the storage thereof in any warehouse or building maintained by the manufacturer of fireworks in the State of Maryland, nor shall anything in this sub-title prevent any manufacturer of fireworks from experimenting with pyrotechnics or materials used in the manufacture thereof, under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time by the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland.