

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. The term "fireworks" shall 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, and toy pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty-hundredths grains of explosive mixture, *nor fuses, railroad torpedoes, rockets, FUSEES or other signal devices as may be essential to promote safety in the operation of any motor vehicle, boat or railroad*, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

(b) "Explosive composition" means any mixture or substance which, upon being ignited may cause such a generation of highly heated gases that the resulting gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects.

(c) "Fireworks plant" means and includes all lands, with buildings thereon, used for or in connection with the manufacture or processing of fireworks.

(d) "Production building" means any building or other structure in which fireworks are manufactured or processed.

(e) "Storage building" means any building or structure in which fireworks in any stage or processing, or finished fireworks, are stored, but in which no processing or manufacturing is performed.

(f) "Magazine" means any building or structure used for the storage of hazardous chemicals or powders.

(g) "Warehouse" means any building or structure used exclusively for the storage of inert materials.

(h) "Department" means the State Insurance Department of Maryland.

(i) "Class A, B, or C explosives" refers to the classes so nominated and defined by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having 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, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 13, 1964.

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CHAPTER 14  
(House Bill 284)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 (Q) of Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Chartered Counties of Maryland," subtitle "Express Pow-ers," heading "County Officers," by adding a provision enabling