

the manufacture thereof, under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time by the [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Prevention Commission* of Maryland.

(b) The [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal* shall seize and remove, at the expense of the owner, all fireworks possessed or sold in violation of this subtitle, the ownership thereof shall be forfeited, and the same shall be destroyed.

18. Special permits for display; rules and regulations; deputies.

The [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal* is authorized to grant special permits for display of fireworks in places where the discharge thereof will otherwise be legal. Such permit shall not authorize the holder thereof to possess or discharge fireworks in violation of any ordinance or regulation in effect where the display is to be made and shall not relieve the applicant from also obtaining any additional license or authority which may be required by the governing body in said locality. All applications for permits for public display as herein provided shall be made at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of display. Said permit shall be nontransferable, and shall be granted only after the [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal* shall have determined that the said display will not endanger the health or safety of persons in the locality, or cause injury to property belonging to others. Prior to granting the said permit, the [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal* shall require the applicant to furnish a surety bond with corporate surety to be approved by him in such penalty as the said [Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal* may prescribe, or an approved liability and property damage insurance policy in an amount prescribed by said [Commissioner] *State Fire Marshal*, conditioned upon the payment of all damages to persons or property caused by reason of the discharge of fireworks mentioned in said permit. The said 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, such 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. The [Insurance Commissioner] *State Fire Prevention Commission* is hereby authorized and directed to establish such regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of this subtitle. [He] *The State Fire Marshal* is hereby authorized to 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, and may provide for the deposit with the application of a reasonable fee to cover expenses incurred in investigation thereof.

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19. Fireworks plants—Licenses; regulations.

(a) The [State Insurance Department of Maryland] *State Fire Marshal* shall have sole authority to issue licenses for the operation of fireworks plants. Such licenses shall be issued only after applicants' plants have been inspected and found to be in compliance with the