

[Nothing contained in this] *This* subtitle shall apply to explosives while being transported upon vessels, vehicles or railroad cars, **[or]** and while being held for delivery, **[provided]** unless such transportation **[and]** or delivery is subject to and in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the **[Interstate Commerce Commission]** *United States Department of Transportation* or United States Coast Guard; and provided, further, that nothing in this subtitle shall apply to the receipt, possession and use of signals required for the safe operation of vessels, motor vehicles, railroad cars or aircraft, by the operators of such vessels, motor vehicles, railroad cars and aircraft.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 5. *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 yea 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.

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CHAPTER 405
(House Bill 999)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 15 through 25 of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fireworks," and to enact new Sections 15 through 25 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed, revising the laws pertaining to the manufacture, use, sale, display, possession and storage of fireworks, establishing licensing procedures, setting out safety requirements, providing for promulgation of further regulations, providing penalties for violations of this subtitle and regulations issued hereunder, and relating generally to fireworks in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, There have been several explosions in fireworks plants within the State; and

WHEREAS, These accidents have also caused much loss of life, many serious injuries to persons, and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, This loss of life and damage is a matter of grave concern; and

WHEREAS, The continued operation of fireworks plants in an unsafe manner constitutes a serious threat to the public safety and welfare; and