

CHAPTER 847

(House Bill 1174)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(e) of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fireworks," [to eliminate certain storage requirements for certain Class B fireworks and to require the issuance of a permit to store Class B fireworks upon the State Fire Marshal's approval of the storage facilities.] to provide for storage of certain Class B fireworks under certain circumstances at certain times and to restrict storage of Class B fireworks at certain times except under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 19(e) of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fireworks," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(e) A license to manufacture fireworks, granted pursuant to this section, permits the licensee to manufacture, process, and store Class C fireworks, and rockets and Roman candles as hereinafter permitted. The manufacture of any Class B display fireworks, fireworks commonly known as "flash and sound," products utilizing potassium chlorate, and any explosives, including Class B special fireworks other than rockets and Roman candles, is unlawful, except as authorized by any other law. The storage of Class B fireworks other than rockets or Roman candles is prohibited except as permitted by this subsection. Class B fireworks [] for authorized displays [] may be stored in a separate storage building approved by the State Fire Marshal upon obtaining a permit from the State Fire Marshal. [UPON APPROVAL OF THE STORAGE FACILITIES, A PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED.] [] The State Fire Marshall may issue a permit for the storage of Class B display fireworks for only that material for which the applicant has valid orders, and the permits shall specify the type and quantity of Class B material and order number. A permit for storage may be issued for a period not to extend beyond the date of the authorized display and in no case to exceed ten days [] HOWEVER, CLASS B FIREWORKS MAY BE STORED IN A SEPARATE STORAGE BUILDING BETWEEN APRIL 20 AND JULY 20 INCLUSIVE, WITHOUT VALID ORDERS, IF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL ISSUES A PERMIT. [THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY IF THE STORAGE FACILITIES ARE APPROVED AS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.] Any person violating this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.
