

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

CHAPTER 221

(House Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

Fireworks - Volunteer Fire Companies and
Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies

FOR the purpose of exempting volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance and rescue companies from certain fee requirements for obtaining a permit to possess, discharge, or sell certain fireworks; clarifying language; and generally relating to the regulation of fireworks.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 16(a) and 18(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

16.

(a) (1) It is unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks without a permit issued pursuant to this subtitle, or to possess fireworks, either with the intention of discharging or permitting the discharge thereof in violation of this subtitle, or for the purpose of disposal or sale to persons for use or discharge without a permit, where a permit is required by this subtitle. The fee for this permit is \$10.

(2) THE PERMIT FEE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE AND RESCUE COMPANY.

18.

(a) (1) The State Fire Marshal may grant special permits for display of fireworks in places where the discharge thereof will otherwise be legal. The permit shall not authorize the