

insurance policy in an amount prescribed by the State Fire Marshal, conditioned upon the payment of all damages to persons or property caused by reason of the discharge of fireworks mentioned in the permit. The 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, the 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. Workers' compensation shall be provided as required by The Maryland Workers' Compensation Act. For operators not covered by workers' compensation, approved accident insurance coverage shall be provided in amounts prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Prevention Commission shall establish regulations as necessary for the enforcement of this subtitle. The State Fire Marshal may 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.

(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.

19.

(a) The State Fire Marshal has sole authority to issue licenses for the operation of fireworks plants. A license to operate a fireworks plant shall not be issued until the applicant's plant or plants have been inspected by the State Fire Marshal, or his designated representative, and found to be wholly in compliance with this subtitle and all regulations promulgated hereunder. A determination as to satisfactory compliance by the plant with all other applicable statutes, ordinances, and regulations shall be made by the State or political subdivision agency responsible, and those agencies shall report the results of their inspections to the State Fire Marshal. Prior to issuing a license, the State Fire Marshal shall have a report from all appropriate agencies of full compliance by the applicant. Conviction of a plant operator or applicant of a crime defined as a felony under federal law or the laws of the state in which the conviction was adjudged, regardless of point in time, may constitute grounds for denial of a fireworks manufacturing license. A license to operate a fireworks plant shall be issued for no longer than one calendar year. The fee for this license shall be ~~[\$500.00]~~ \$750.

32.

(a) Any license issued hereunder may be revoked by the official issuing the same on any ground specified herein as a ground for denying an application for such license or for violation of regulations promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission regulating the use, handling, and storage of explosives.

(b) All licenses issued under this subtitle shall be valid for a term of 1 calendar year from the date of issuance unless sooner revoked.

(c) Each application for a license hereunder shall be accompanied by the fee hereinafter prescribed, which fee shall be returned in the event such application is denied. The license fee is as follows: