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Senate Bill 165 (Senator Baker)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Fire Marshal - Fireworks - Manufacture, Storage, and Packaging

This bill clarifies: (1) the scope of licenses to manufacture fireworks; (2) that the manufacture of specified fireworks is unlawful; and (3) the locations where specified fireworks may be stored. The bill authorizes the packaging and repackaging of certain fireworks in finished form in a storage building if there is minimum separation distance of 25 feet between the packaging area and any stored fireworks.

The bill also allows certain fireworks to be stored by licensed manufacturers or licensed explosives dealers at approved locations in storage buildings approved by the State Fire Marshal or local authorities with jurisdiction over local fire prevention codes. Current law provisions relating to permits for such storage are eliminated.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. This bill clarifies the scope of current law and updates Maryland's statutory provisions to reflect changes in terminology and definitions used by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Any lost revenue from permits would be negligible.

Local Effect: Minimal.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Provisions regulating the manufacture, sale, and storage of fireworks refers to such materials by “class,” which is outmoded under federal statutory and regulatory provisions. Provisions relating to packaging and repackaging fireworks do not provide required separation distances. Provisions relating to storage require approval by the Fire Marshal and the issuance of a permit.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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